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LANGUAGE A new study suggests teens who crumple the English language into bite-sized chunks while sending instant messages aren't losing the ability to spell. Parents and teachers have long worried that teens who type phrases like LOL and substitute the letter u for you will eventually forget how to write a proper sentence.

But new research from the University of Alberta suggests kids who are good spellers remain good spellers whether texting or writing words out in full. Those who have trouble spelling normal English words also tend to mess up in the specialized lingo of text messaging.

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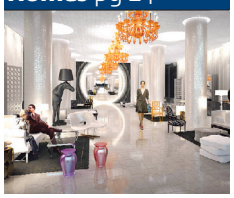

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Desert revision

New Balsillie offer would keep Coyotes in Phoenix this season

Canadian billionaire Jim Balsillie has pledged to keep the Phoenix Coyotes in Glendale this season if he wins an auction for the financially troubled club.

The revised offer came during an emergency hearing yesterday before bankruptcy judge Redfield T. Baum, who called Balsillie's proposal "a fairly significant change."

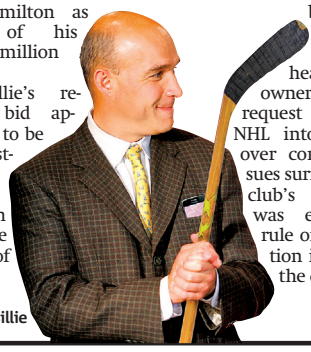
Balsillie does, however, still plan to move the team to Hamilton as part of his $242.5-million US bid.

Balsillie's revised bid appeared to be a last-ditch effort to win over the city of Glendale, which sides with the NHL in the long-running courtroom battle. The only other bid has come from the NHL, which has offered $140 million. The league would try to resell the team to a local buyer but, failing that, would explore relocation.

Baum gave no indication when he might rule on whether to award the team to the NHL or to Balsillie.

"Sooner or later," said Baum, who also could reject both bids.

The judge called the hearing on owner Jerry Moyes' request to force the NHL into mediation over contentious issues surrounding the club's sale. Baum was expected to rule on the mediation issue later in the day.



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The NADbank results released yesterday reflect last fall to this past June.

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Tory talk radio joins CFRB

Former Progressive Conservative leader John Tory, left, is set to host a talk show on CFRB radio. Tory will offer his political insight on the afternoon drive-home show in Toronto. The station announced Tory's arrival amidst an array of other lineup changes effective Oct. 5. Tory stepped down as Conservative leader in March after failing to secure a seat in the legislature. He is considering a run for mayor of Toronto.

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Former mayor of Toronto, John Sewell, breaks down the issues affecting Torontonians.

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Document reveals pact between province, federal government

Ontario's controversial harmonized sales tax is here to stay— no matter who wins the next federal or provincial elections, documents confirm.

Buried in the fine print of the accord between Ottawa and Queen's Park last March is a clause that ensures the new 13 per cent tax, which takes effect July 1, remains at that rate until at least 2012.

While Premier Dalton McGuinty said yesterday he was "not familiar" with the minutiae of the four-page memorandum of agreement, it also stipulates the HST must be in place through 2015.

"Our intention is simply to put in place a tax system that is modern and efficient."
Premier Dalton McGuinty on HST

McGuinty emphasized it was important for both levels of government to give the levy, which blends the eight per cent provincial sales tax with the five per cent federal GST, a strong foundation.

"Our intention is simply to put in place a tax system that is modern and efficient and that enhances our competitiveness and enables us to create more jobs — that's what it's all about," the premier told reporters.

Ontario Finance Minister Dwight Duncan, who co-signed the pact with federal Finance Minister Jim Flaherty, said Ottawa insisted upon the provisions.

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Toronto's colourful assault on cancer

DISEASE People are being encouraged to throw paint at a wall in Toronto next week, and it won't be considered vandalism.

The Canadian Cancer Society is planning to erect a giant wall at a busy street corner where celebrities, cancer survivors and passersby can throw paint balloons at the word "cancer." The colourful assault is meant to symbolize the fight against the disease that has touched the lives of many Canadians.

Organizers admit the approach is unconventional.

But they say the public display will help people show they've joined the fight to help eradicate cancer.

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171,000

According to the Canadian Cancer Statistics, 171,000 Canadians will contract cancer in 2009.

Yonge and Dundas **Mouth painting showcase**

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A public demonstration showcasing Ontario artists Susie Matthias and Amanda Orichefsky took place at Yonge-Dundas Square. An exhibit will be open to the public from Sept. 24 to Oct. 2 at the Mouth and Foot Painting Artists' (MFPA) Toronto office, located at 183 St. Clair Ave. The MFPA is an international, for-profit association of artists, who paint with brushes held in their mouths or feet as a result of disability.

Crown asks for 7-year sentence in terror case

COURT A Toronto man who admitted he procured weapons, arranged false travel documents and tried to recruit extremists for a domestic terrorist group that planned bloody attacks on Canadian targets deserves a seven-year prison term, a judge heard from the Crown yesterday.

In an agreed statement of facts, the Crown told court how Ali Dirie, who had pleaded guilty Monday, was close to the alleged co-leader of the so-called Toronto 18 and continued his role in the conspiracy even while incarcerated. Justice Bruce Durno convicted Dirie, 26, of one count of taking part in and helping a terrorist group. That makes Dirie the third person now convicted in the plot to bomb Canadian targets such as RCMP headquarters and attack Parliament and take hostages. The Crown stayed a second charge of committing an offence for the group — dubbed the Toronto 18 because of the number of people arrested in the summer of 2006.

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Evidence

- Ali Dirie faces a maximum of 10 years.
- Much of the terror-group evidence against Dirie was based on wiretaps of telephone conversations he had with the alleged co-leader of the conspiracy, who cannot be named under a publication ban.

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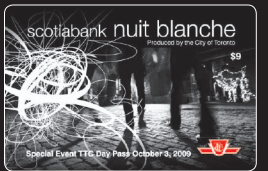

Man shot on basketball court

A man in his 20s is in critical condition after being shot in the chest on a basketball court in the city's northwest end. He was later transferred to Sunnybrook hospital, where he remains in critical condition. TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Mayor off to green summit

Will miss next council meeting

Mayor David Miller is jetting off to Los Angeles next week to attend a climate change conference being co-hosted by California Gov. Arnold Schwarzenegger.

It will mark the first time since becoming mayor in 2003 that Miller has missed a city council meeting. One is scheduled for Sept. 30 and Oct. 1.

"I'm choosing to miss the council meeting. I think this is far more important."
Mayor David Miller

Miller says the opportunity to talk about Toronto's initiatives to fight climate change and raise the city's profile in the United States was too important an opportunity to turn down.

As for the council meeting, he said there are a couple of important issues, but most of the agenda is "fairly routine."

"I'm choosing to miss the council meeting. I think this is far more important ... we're talking the long (term) strategic interest of Toronto, and as it happens because I occupy this very respected position at the moment, it's a real chance to get Toronto's name out in the U.S. and around the world," Miller said yesterday.

Schwarzenegger invited Miller a few weeks ago. He will stay two days and speak at the opening plenary session, titled Think Globally, Act Locally — Leadership at the Local Level.

Miller says cities are best equipped to fight climate change, citing some of his own initiatives such as the Tower Renewal plan.

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One Tree Hill star **Voegele performs in Toronto**

JOHN R. KENNEDY/FOR METRO TORONTO

Singer and One Tree Hill star Kate Voegele performs inside the GUESS store on Bloor Street as part of LOULOU magazine's fifth anniversary celebrations. Voegele is on tour in support of her second album, A Fine Mess.

Doctors angered by new standards

GOVERNMENT The Liberal government is putting patient safety at risk by letting non-physicians do some of the work doctors currently perform, the Family and General Practice section of the Ontario Medical Association warned yesterday.

The family doctors' lobby is fighting back against provincial government plans to let nurse practitioners lead local health clinics and to allow pharmacists to prescribe some drugs.

"Having these roles filled by non-medical personnel is like having a member of a flight crew fly an airplane," said OMA section chair Dr. David Bridgeo.

Hit back

- Ontario's pharmacists fired back yesterday, calling the doctors' position "unfortunate" and insisting they are qualified for the extra tasks the province is asking of them.

The doctors' group plans to launch a media campaign this week to focus on the issue of patient safety and point out the potential dangers of the government's plan, said Bridgeo.

"Our major concern is that a number of non-medical personnel are being invited, through legislation, to step in and perform tasks that have traditionally been done by medical doctors," he said.

Premier Dalton McGuinty dismissed the doctors' criticism yesterday citing a recent healthcare funding increase. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Four arrested for driver licence fraud

ID Police say four people, including two Ontario DriveTest employees, have been charged with fraud-related offences after driver's licences were allegedly issued under fake names.

Toronto police say they uncovered more than 164 fake identities that were used to obtain credit and other provincial and federal identification during a three-month investigation.

164 Toronto police have said that 164 identities were considered fake. 140 others were deemed suspicious

Police say another 140 identities have been deemed suspicious.

It's alleged that some of the IDs were used to bypass government regulations such as the Family Responsibility Act, while others were used to skirt court orders stemming from impaired driving charges.

Police say the IDs had a street value of about $5,000 each.

More than a dozen charges, including fraud, forgery and conspiracy, were laid against the four, who are residents of Toronto, Brampton and Orangeville.

DriveTest's 550 employees have been on strike since Aug. 23, with job security being the key issue.

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News in brief

INVESTIGATION The province's Special Investigations Unit has concluded there are no reasonable grounds to believe four Peel Regional police officers committed a criminal offence in the death of a Brampton man who was being held in custody. The SIU says Sean Reilly was arrested at a Mississauga home on a charge of assault on Sept. 16, taken to the 12 Division police station and put in a cell. It says about 30 minutes later, Reilly was seen on a cell monitor banging his head on the bars, causing his forehead to bleed. The SIU says after officers entered the cell to subdue him, Reilly was shocked by a Taser and fell into physical distress, and shortly after, stopped breathing.

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Cemetery murder suspect in court

CRIME A suspect hunted by police in the beating death of a 71-year-old homeless man has surrendered to Toronto police.

He is charged with first-degree murder in the death of Donald Constantine Jackson, who was attacked at Pine Hills Cemetery in Scarborough on Sept. 12. Jackson died in hospital six days later.

Jackson was a popular fixture at the Scarborough Hope Centre shelter, where various residents knew him as Benson Smith, Benton Smith, even George Benton.

Merhawi Tekle, 26, is charged with first-degree murder. He was remanded in custody during a court appearance yesterday.

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Footage of missing girl released

Toronto police have released security camera footage and still images of a missing Toronto teen taken the day before she disappeared. Mariam Makhniashvili, 17, was last seen Sept. 14 outside her high school, Forest Hill Collegiate Institute. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Metropass blamed for TTC's cash woes

2010 fare hike eyed to boost revenue

With a fare hike possible as early as the New Year, the TTC is being accused of blaming its best customers for its poor financial picture.

Transit officials are already looking at potential increases that could go into effect as soon as Jan. 1, according to Peter Milczyn, one of 11 councillors serving on the Toronto Transit Commission.

Although no decision has been made, he suggested the TTC could wring more revenue out of its popular Metropass.

A TTC report before the commission today says that most of a $17.4 million shortfall in the TTC's operating revenue is due to the popularity of the all-you-can-ride monthly pass. As a result, the TTC is collecting an average of only $1.77 per ride, compared with a projected $1.80.

Even though ridership has hit record levels, the revenue this year has fallen short of projections.

Transit blogger and streetcar crusader Steve Munro complains that the Metropass has become "the TTC's perennial whipping boy."

The real problems, he says, are overspending, inaccurate revenue projections and faulty ridership estimates. Because the TTC's operating costs always exceed revenues, it loses money on all paid fares and therefore requires a subsidy from council to balance the books.

The TTC is also reporting declines in advertising and increased costs, including cleanup after a flood in one of its buildings, as part of this year's shortfall.

TTC spokesperson Brad Ross rejected Munro's suggestion that the TTC is in spin mode or blaming customers.

"This isn't a scapegoating exercise; it's full disclosure on current finances," he said, calling Metropasses a double-edged sword. "We want ridership. That's what we build the system for, that's why we have the service improvements we do, but the average fare is down," Ross said.

Mississauga Transit also is reporting that passes and discounted fares are eroding its revenues.

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TTC fares

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- 2006 / $2.75 / $99.75
- 2007 / $2.75 / $109.00

Weston **Car ends up in spillway**

STEVE RUSSELL/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

A car is lifted after it went through the fence and into the spillway with two occupants off the north side of Humber Boulevard in the Black Creek Drive and Weston area in Toronto yesterday.

News in brief

McCALLION Video of a Mississauga council meeting on May 21, 2008 shows that Mayor Hazel McCallion didn't voice a conflict of interest, despite minutes that state she did. That discrepancy is now being investigated by city clerk Crystal Greer, after Coun. Carolyn Parrish raised the issue at yesterday's council meeting.

RENGEL A judge has ordered the girl who goaded her boyfriend into murdering Stefanie Rengel to serve her sentence in a youth facility until she turns 20. Justice Ian Nordheimer made the order for Melissa Todorovic, 17, yesterday. This means she will be automatically transferred to an adult prison at age 20.

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Ford, CAW reach an 'impasse'

AUTO The Canadian Auto Workers and Ford have reached an "impasse" regarding the future of a southern Ontario assembly plant in ongoing labour talks, the union said yesterday.

"What we firmly believe is their obligation to Canada isn't there, and that's what's caused the impasse at this point," said Bob Chernecki, assistant to CAW president Ken Lewenza.

Mike Vince, chairman of the CAW's Ford master bargaining committee, said the two sides were "not having official talks right now" and the union was "prepared to get back to the table as soon as the company is."

Ford operates assembly plants in Oakville and St. Thomas in southern Ontario and has parts and other operations. Like other carmakers, the company has been streamlining its workforces and shutting down some operations to deal with a shift in demand.

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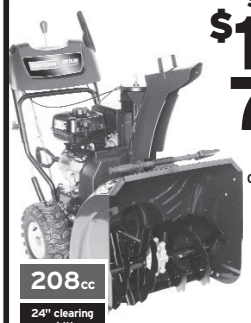

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Trio to split million dollar lottery prize

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Tims is Canadian again

Harper touts lower taxes for luring company back north

The repatriation of the Timbit was held up by Prime Minister Stephen Harper and Tim Hortons executives yesterday as a shining example of low corporate tax rates luring business to Canada.

FRANK GUNN/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Prime Minister Stephen Harper speaks at a Tim Hortons test facility in Oakville yesterday.

But at least one critic found the news hard to swallow when consumers will soon be paying more for coffee in two provinces that are merging sales taxes with Ottawa.

The homegrown coffee giant has not technically been a Canadian company for years, but Tim Hortons Inc. is reorganizing as a Canadian public company after 99 per cent of shareholders voted Tuesday in favour of bringing the iconic coffee company back home from the U.S.

The chain so ubiquitous north of the border had been registered in Delaware for nearly 15 years as a result of its purchase by U.S. burger chain Wendy's in the 1990s.

At an event at the company's Oakville headquarters, west of Toronto, Harper credited lower corporate taxes for luring Tim Hortons back to the Canadian fold.

"This decision, ladies and gentlemen, is all about the bottom line, and the bottom line is that Canada is now not just a great place to live, it's a great place to invest and to do business," said Harper, who admitted earlier he doesn't really drink coffee.

"I drink about six cups a year," he said, sipping a hot chocolate.

Harper said his government had already lowered the general corporate income tax rate to 19 per cent from 22 per cent, and that it will fall to 15 per cent by 2012.

But New Democrat MP Olivia Chow questioned the logic of lowering corporate taxes for companies such as Tim Hortons, while increasing taxes in some parts of the country on the coffee itself. The party is critical of the move to harmonize sales taxes in B.C. and Ontario, which would see some everyday items that were previously exempt start being taxed.

"Helping corporations is one thing, it's fine, but spending $6 billion of our tax dollars to get the provinces like Ontario and B.C. to do a big tax grab every time we buy a donut, drink a coffee … that's mean," Chow said.

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McGuinty says no to forced vaccinations

HEALTH Ontario will not force health-care workers or anyone else to be vaccinated against swine flu.

Premier Dalton McGuinty says he'll rely on the expert advice of Dr. Arlene King, Ontario's chief medical officer of health, when it comes to vaccinating health-care workers against H1N1.

McGuinty says protocols are being worked out as to which groups at risk from the flu should receive the vaccine first, but adds the province won't force anyone to take the shot.

He says the government cannot "hold anybody down and inject them with a vaccine when they don't want it."

Flu Outbreak

McGuinty says he's "very confident" that Ontario has a solid plan to deal with swine flu and has enough vaccinations and medication should the need arise.

Experts expected a second wave of H1N1 this winter, but swine flu activity is already picking up in the U.S., and parts of Canada, including British Columbia, are seeing an increase in cases.

The fear is that the wave may crest before a vaccine is ready, or that the vaccine will arrive too late to make a difference.

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News in brief

FLU Influenza experts have urged vaccine manufacturers to drop one of the older strains of flu from the seasonal shot for next year's Southern Hemisphere winter, saying there are so few of those viruses around anymore they don't pose a significant public health threat.

FRAUD Seven Toronto area residents face charges after a lengthy fraud investigation by the RCMP and Canada Revenue Agency. Police allege forged documents were used to obtained false identities which then were used to commit various frauds. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Alberta to introduce new screening guidelines for cervical cancer
Alberta will introduce new cervical cancer screening guidelines next month that could see some women getting pap smears once every three years. Dr. Jim Dickinson, who sat on the committee to create the new guidelines, says they will be released in mid-October. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canada

Soldier found not guilty

A soldier at CFB Trenton has been found not guilty of three charges under the National Defence Act stemming from a 2007 incident in Afghanistan. A five-day court martial was held last week for Cpl. Sterling Strong of 8 Air Maintenance Squadron. Strong was charged with careless use of a firearm, disobeying a lawful command of a superior officer and an act to the prejudice of good order and discipline. THE CANADIAN PRESS

ONTARIO INVASIVE PLANT COUNCIL/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Kudzu, a vine dubbed the "cancer of the plant world," has spread from the U.S. into Ontario. It's been known to cause millions of dollars in damage to the environment and infrastructure.

Damaging vine that spreads like cancer found in Canada

ECOLOGY It's been known to snap hydro poles, swallow buildings and smother forests.

Now kudzu, a plant described as a cancer, has spread north across the U.S. border into southern Ontario. Scientists believe warmer temperatures have stretched the vine's range to Canadian soil.

"It just has this extremely pervasive and aggressive growth that captures a landscape and converts it to kudzu," University of Toronto ecology Prof. Rowan Sage said yesterday.

A botanist working near the town of Leamington recently spotted a patch of kudzu growing along the shores Lake Erie.

Sage said the east Asian plant is difficult to control and costly to remove.

He is expecting the fast-spreading vine to eventually invade British Columbia and Quebec.

The United States spends an estimated $500 million US per year in its war against the leafy plant.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

WEATHER Parts of the Prairies are baking in the warmest September ever, with heat records falling in Alberta and Saskatchewan daily. In Calgary yesterday, temperatures were forecast to hit 34 C. In Regina, temperatures were forecast to hit 31 C.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Iran remarks 'disgraceful': PM

Ahmadinejad's UN address prompts walkouts by Canada, U.S.

Diplomats from Canada, the United States and many other countries walked out of United Nations General Assembly yesterday to protest a blistering speech by Iran's President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad that included scathing verbal attacks on Israel and the West.

"There is no way I am going to permit any official of the government of Canada to be present and give any legitimacy to remarks by a leader like that," Prime Minister Stephen Harper said earlier in Oakville.

Israeli officials had urged all delegates to leave the chamber when the Iranian president, who has frequently denied the Holocaust and made anti-Semitic remarks, reached the podium.

Ahmadinejad spoke to a half-empty chamber, casting himself as a beleaguered champion of the developing world and issuing stinging attacks on the United States and its allies without calling them by name.

This prompted a walkout by the U.S. delegation that had previously announced it had no plans to boycott the speech.

BEBETO MATTHEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Protesters rally near the United Nations headquarters yesterday against Iranian President Mahmoud Ahmadinejad as he prepared to address the United Nations General Assembly in New York. Canada boycotted the speech in protest of Ahmadinejad's controversial declarations about Israel and the Holocaust and Iran's abuses of human rights, said Prime Minister Stephen Harper.

Harper told a news conference hours before the Iranian leader delivered his address that he believes Ahmadinejad's abuse of human rights, detention of innocent people and "disgraceful, insulting" declarations about Israel and the Holocaust should be protested.

"It is unfitting that somebody like that would be giving those kinds of remarks before the United Nations General Assembly," Harper said.

Harper was not at the United Nations meeting, and Canada was represented instead by Foreign Affairs Minister Lawrence Cannon. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Northwest Territories names a top judge

Robert Gorin has been appointed chief judge of the territorial court of the Northwest Territories. NWT Justice Minister Jackson Lafferty says Gorin's appointment is effective Oct. 2 for a five-year term. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Polygamy case collapses

Judge throws out charges against pair

A British Columbia court decision has quashed polygamy charges against two B.C. religious leaders.

Winston Blackmore and James Oler were arrested earlier this year in Bountiful, B.C., and charged with one count each of polygamy.

Blackmore was accused of having 19 wives, and Oler three.

The men had petitioned the court to stay the charges, arguing the B.C. attorney general had gone "special prosecutor shopping" until he found someone who would go ahead with charges.

In a decision released yesterday, B.C. Supreme Court Judge Sunni Stromberg-Stein agreed.

The judge said the attorney general did not have the jurisdiction to appoint a second special prosecutor to consider charges against Blackmore and Oler after the first special prosecutor recommended against charging them.

She found the appointment of the second prosecutor — and therefore the decision to charge the men — was "unlawful."

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Winston Blackmore shares a laugh with six of his daughters and some grandchildren last year.

Blackmore and Oler are leaders of two separate factions of the Fundamentalist Church of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints, a breakaway sect of the mainstream Mormon Church, which renounced polygamy more than a century ago.

Prosecutors have repeatedly shied away from laying polygamy charges, concerned they wouldn't survive a challenge under the Charter of Rights and Freedoms.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

Budget? Thanks for the memories

FINANCE Atlantic Canada's first NDP government will table a budget today that observers predict will go back in time.

The budget, they say, will look much like the fiscal plan shot down four months ago when the Conservatives ruled Nova Scotia.

Since much of the money committed by the Tories has already been spent, Finance Minister Graham Steele has said the NDP is left with little choice but to implement the old plan, which forecast a slim surplus.

But there will be something new this time.

Steele says the document will show the province is actually in rough financial shape with a $590-million deficit amid shrinking returns from the natural gas industry.

"Slow and easy will be the name of the game."
Nancy Conrad

Interim Conservative Leader Karen Casey said: "If they table our budget, then it tells me they have done relatively little in the last 95 days."

Nancy Conrad, of the Halifax Chamber of Commerce, said the business community is comforted by the fact that NDP Premier Darrell Dexter has decided not to introduce any radical measures early in his term.

All the signals "say slow and easy will be the name of the game," she said.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

POLITICS One of three men running to be Manitoba's next premier says he's willing to consider passing a law banning replacement workers during strikes. It could help Steve Ashton grab union support. THE CANADIAN PRESS

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Flu hits B.C. schools

Flu season started early in B.C., with up to one-third of students at one Vancouver school staying home with flu-like symptoms. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Shoring up the ranks

Severely short-staffed navy buoyed by recruits

The navy is enjoying a small recruitment surge.

The increase comes as the severely understaffed branch undertakes improvements aimed at making the salt-stained service a more attractive career.

The navy is 8.5 per cent ahead of its recruiting target for the current budget year, and up almost 19 per cent over 2008.

"It could be the economy. Perhaps folks are finding it a little more difficult to walk straight out of school into a job," said Vice-Admiral Dean McFadden, adding the staff shortage may not be over.

Attrition and missed recruiting targets since 2004 have meant the navy is drastically smaller while still deploying to operations in far-flung regions.

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Andre Sheppard, petty officer (first class), welcomes visitors at the recruiting booth aboard HMCS Ville de Québec in Montreal.

An assessment by McFadden's predecessor, former vice-admiral Drew Robertson, estimated the navy was short 954 sailors out of 8,541 regular personnel.

To attract recruits, the service has subsidized students in technical community college programs and has brought in people with private-sector experience at higher ranks.

THE CANADIAN PRESS

News in brief

POLICE The RCMP and municipal police chiefs in B.C. are calling on the provincial government to create an independent organization to handle allegations against police. Supt. Bill McKinnon says the agency will help restore public confidence after several high-profile incidents, such as the death of Robert Dziekanski after a confrontation at the Vancouver airport in 2007, and the death in police custody of Ian Bush in 2005. McKinnon says the agency should be civilian-led and probe instances of death or serious injury involving police, as well as serious allegations of officer misconduct.

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Saskatchewan NDP leader says political staffers should take pay cut

Saskatchewan NDP Leader Dwain Lingenfelter says political staffers should have their wages rolled back. Lingenfelter says some political staffers, such as those who work for cabinet ministers, have what he calls "exorbitant" salaries and he says that's not fair in a time of dwindling resource revenues. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Seal hunt spikes pet fur ban?

Blame the seal hunt if you find out you're wearing Fluffy or Rover.

The federal government won't ban imports of cat and dog fur because doing so might undermine Canada's support for the seal hunt, says a newly released document obtained by the Canadian Press.

An internal memo shows government officials urged Agriculture Minister Gerry Ritz not to follow the United States and Europe in barring cat and dog fur from entering the country.

Officials worried a ban would weaken Canada's argument against other countries closing their borders to its seal products.

"A ban could have implications for the farmed fur industry in Canada and for Canada's position against the banning of Canadian seal products by other countries," the memo says.

Animal-rights groups accuse China and other Asian countries of inhumane handling and killing cats and dogs for their fur. The groups claim the fur ends up in clothing and other products that are shipped abroad. They say these products are often mislabelled to hide their contents.

The memo says the Agriculture Department has repeatedly asked Vancouver-based Fur-Bearer Defenders for evidence cat and dog fur is entering Canada, but that so far the group hasn't backed up its claims.

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Quebec City **Hostage honoured**

JACQUES BOISSINOT/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Ingrid Betancourt, freed after more than six years as a hostage held by Colombian guerrillas, receives the Quebec national assembly's medal of honour from Speaker Yvon Vallieres yesterday in Quebec City. Quebec Premier Jean Charest applauds.

Vulcan students beamed up to space station for video chat

ALBERTA A school in a southern Alberta community that's known for its relationship with the Star Trek television series has beamed up to the International Space Station.

Students at County Central High School in Vulcan have had a live video chat with Canadian astronaut Robert Thirsk and three of his crewmates. Parents, staff and officials from the Canadian Space Agency were also on hand for the event, which was broadcast to classrooms around Alberta.

Thirsk showed students how to eat jellybeans without the aid of gravity, demonstrated their sleeping arrangements and described what happens to garbage and dirty laundry aboard the space station.

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News in brief

LABOUR Nova Scotia's education minister says she believes there's still an opportunity for the province's community college teachers to resume talks with their employer without resorting to strike action.

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A large chimney under construction at a power plant in central India collapsed yesterday, killing at least 20 people and injuring five others, police said. As many as 100 workers were feared trapped under the rubble. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

World

Ice sheets rapidly melting: Report

New satellite information shows that ice sheets in Greenland and western Antarctica continue to shrink faster than scientists thought and in some places are already in runaway melt mode. British scientists for the first time calculated changes in the height of the vulnerable but massive ice sheets and found them especially worse at their edges. In some parts of Antarctica, ice sheets have been losing 30 feet a year in thickness since 2003, according to a paper published online in the journal Nature. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Palin gets international experience in Hong Kong

SPEECH Months after abruptly resigning as Alaska's governor, Sarah Palin resurfaced in Hong Kong yesterday more moderate in tone and better versed in international affairs, possibly laying the first brick for a 2012 White House bid.

Sarah Palin

In her first overseas speech, the former U.S. vice-presidential candidate touched on a wide range of issues before a room packed with more than a thousand investors and bankers at an investment conference.

According to several accounts of her speech, which was closed to media, Palin argued for smaller government, calling for lower taxes and a private-sector solution to health care.

Palin was criticized during the 2008 election for a lack of foreign policy credentials. She only received her first passport in 2007, to visit Alaska National Guard members serving in Kuwait and Germany.

The Hong Kong speech marked her first trip to Asia, and she used the occasion to discuss China's relationship with the U.S. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

THAILAND The royal palace says the health of Thailand's 81-year-old King Bhumibol Adulyadej has improved, with his temperature back to normal. The world's longest-serving monarch was admitted to hospital on Saturday. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Gadhafi blasts UN in tirade

In his first United Nations appearance, Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi issued a scathing attack on the UN Security Council and chastised the world body yesterday for failing to intervene or prevent some 65 wars since the organization was founded in 1945.

"It should not be called the Security Council, it should be called the 'Terror Council,' " he said.

"Now, brothers, there is no respect for the United Nations, no regard for the General Assembly," Gadhafi said.

His speech followed U.S. President Barack Obama's first General Assembly address, but not before a recess of some 15 minutes was called by the Libyan president of the General Assembly so diplomats could take new seats. He railed against the "inequality" of UN member states, quoting from a copy of the UN Charter that calls for equality of countries, and then noting that five nations hold veto power on the Security Council and can block actions contrary to their interests.

Speaking rapid-fire Arabic, Gadhafi said the use of military power was contrary to the spirit of the UN, unless such actions are sanctioned by the UN.

Gadhafi, introduced as the "king of kings" by his countryman and assembly president Ali Treki, remained in his seat for long after the introduction.

An hour into his speech, Gadhafi complained at some length about being jet-lagged from the 10-hour flight to New York, and having to get up early for the General Assembly.

Ninety minutes into Gadhafi's speech, the exhausted translator was relieved by another interpreter.

The Libyan leader's speech ran an hour and 36 minutes, no threat to the length record set by Cuban leader Fidel Castro in 1960, at four and a half hours.

Speakers are supposed to limit themselves to 15 minutes. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

No tents, please

- A tent where Gadhafi planned to stay on a Westchester County estate owned by Donald Trump was dismantled yesterday after backlash from locals. The Libyan government had also reportedly asked to use Manhattan's Central Park for a tent for Gadhafi to live and entertain in during this week's UN assembly, but the request was denied.

RICHARD DREW/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS
Libyan leader Moammar Gadhafi addresses UN General Assembly in New York yesterday.

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Pope heading to Britain

Pope Benedict XVI will next year make the first visit to the United Kingdom by a pontiff in decades, British media reported yesterday. The last visit to Britain by the head of the Roman Catholic Church was by Pope John Paul II in 1982. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Memphis **Dalai Lama visits where MLK killed**

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The Dalai Lama stands on the balcony of the Lorraine Motel in Memphis, Tennessee, yesterday, looking up at the location pointed out by Rev. Benjamin Hooks, right, where the bullet was fired that killed Rev. Martin Luther King Jr. in 1968. The Dalai Lama is in Memphis to accept the 2009 International Freedom Award from the National Civil Rights Museum.

News in brief

POLAND The Polish parliament adopted a resolution yesterday condemning the Soviet invasion of Poland at the start of the Second World War. Moscow swiftly criticized the resolution as "worthless politics based on lies." In the resolution, Poland also condemned the 1940 Soviet massacre of 22,000 Polish officers, intellectuals and priests. The lawmakers declared that the massacre had "the characteristics of genocide."

JAMAICA A man accused of punching a three-month-old to death after being told he was not the infant's father has been charged with murder. Police say that 20-year-old Orville Brown was charged Tuesday with the killing. They say he punched the infant after arguing with the child's 15-year-old mother. Police say he is also charged with having sex with a minor.

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G20 leaders face long to-do list

Bolstering a global economy still wobbly from the worst recession in seven decades, restraining greedy bankers and plotting a course for sustainable growth — the leaders of the world's major economies have no shortage of items on their to-do list when they meet today and tomorrow in Pittsburgh.

The problem is that with the global economy on the mend, they could encounter waning enthusiasm to launch bold initiatives, especially if those efforts would limit the leaders' political manoeuvring room back home.

U.S. President Barack Obama is already facing the likelihood that one of his major goals will be watered down. He wants the G20 to agree to a new global compact to avoid the dangerous imbalances that many believe played a major contributing role in pushing the world into a severe and prolonged recession that has cost millions of lost jobs and wiped out trillions of dollars in wealth.

1,200 Number of Pennsylvania State Police patroling the area in Pittsburgh where the G20 meetings will take place.

The G20 is expected to agree to a "peer" review supervised by the International Monetary Fund. However, a similar pilot project by the IMF in 2006 went nowhere.

The G20 leaders are also vowing to adopt tougher rules of the road to keep banks from engaging in the kind of risky behaviour that brought on the current economic crisis.

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U.S. troop request open to revision

AFGHANISTAN The U.S. Defence Department said yesterday that a request for new troops from the American commander in Afghanistan may have to be revised now that there is growing uncertainty whether to escalate the U.S. commitment to the eight-year war.

Pentagon press secretary Geoff Morrell said the troop request from U.S. and NATO commander Gen. Stanley McChrystal will be delivered by the week's end. Morrell also signalled that the number of troops that McChrystal will ask for — believed to be as high as 40,000 — could change after the report is received if the White House reverses its Afghanistan strategy.

Earlier this year, the Pentagon began targeting extremist Taliban leaders to make sure the nation does not become a safe haven for al-Qaida. But White House officials now are looking at sending in airstrikes and special operations forces to Pakistan.

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Iran set to give detained hikers an easy ride?
The families of three American hikers detained after wandering into Iran say they're hopeful they'll be released soon after Iran's president said he'll ask the judiciary to be lenient. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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The world-renowned Sydney Harbour Bridge is shrouded in an eerie orange glow yesterday.

It's Armageddon, mate

Red outback grit shrouded Australia's largest city yesterday, blotting out such landmarks as the Sydney Opera House and Harbour Bridge,

The country's worst dust storm in 70 years diverted planes, reached underground to coat subway stations and produced an eerie orange sky.

"It did feel like Armageddon because when I was in the kitchen looking out the skylight, there was this red glow coming through," Sydney resident Karen told a radio interviewer.

The haze was visible from space, appearing as a huge brown smudge in satellite photographs.

The Sydney Morning Herald called it "the day the country blew into town." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

News in brief

CRIME Masked gunmen used a stolen helicopter and explosives to pull off a spectacular pre-dawn raid on a cash depot in Stockholm, Sweden yesterday, breaking in through the roof and flying off with bags of cash. Investigators believe at least 10 professional outlaws were involved in the heist. The amount of cash stolen was unconfirmed. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Oral Roberts University back in the black

FINANCE Oral Roberts University, which was once tens of millions of dollars in the red after a financial scandal, is finally debt-free.

School leaders made the announcement during a chapel service. Billionaire Mart Green helped rescue the Tulsa, Okla., evangelical school with a $70 million gift. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Honduras' ousted President Manuel Zelaya speaks inside the Brazilian embassy in Tegucigalpa yesterday.

100 arrested in Honduras

Honduras' interim government extended an already long curfew through most of yesterday after police skirmished with backers of ousted President Manuel Zelaya throughout the night and arrested more than 100 people for vandalism and looting.

Zelaya remained holed up with a shrinking core of supporters at the increasingly isolated Brazilian Embassy in Honduras. Diplomats and activists streamed out of the compound late Tuesday, and Brazil urged the UN Security Council to guarantee the embassy's safety.

The country remains shut down under the nearly round-the-clock curfew decreed by the interim government that ousted Zelaya in June. Airports and the border crossings also were closed for a third day, after a night of violence.

Zelaya said six of his supporters died in confrontations with police. Authorities denied that and said one person suffered a gunshot wound. Officials did not give further details.

Police arrested 113 people on various charges.

Zelaya's backers ventured out at several points in Honduras' capital to skirmish with police, after hundreds of their colleagues were routed by baton-wielding soldiers from the street in front of the embassy and police roadblocks sealed off the mission building Tuesday.

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Police may have blown FBI surveillance of terror suspect

NEW YORK Police acting without the FBI's knowledge might have inadvertently helped blow the surveillance of a terrorism suspect and compromised a bomb plot investigation at a sensitive stage by questioning an imam about him, a criminal complaint suggests.

"They came to ask me about your characters," the Muslim religious leader, Ahmad Wais Afzali, told Najibullah Zazi in a secretly recorded Sept. 11 telephone conversation. "They asked me about you guys."

At least one of those New York Police Department detectives, referred to in the recently unsealed criminal complaint, works for a division that operates independently from an FBI-run terrorism task force.

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Charges

- Najibullah Zazi, a 24-year-old Denver airport shuttle driver, his father and Ahmad Wais Afzali were charged last weekend with lying to the FBI in a probe of a possible al-Qaida plot to detonate homemade explosives.

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Textual innuendo

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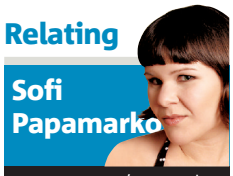

Him: I had the naughtiest dream about you last night!

Her: I dreamt about ponies!

Him: I guess we both got what we wanted! ;)

Technology has made so many aspects of our lives infinitely simpler.

Count flirting among them.

As mobile technologies and social networking become increasingly prevalent, people have embarked on this Brave New World of communication by totally hitting on their friends (and the friends of friends).

Ever leave a flirtatious Facebook photo comment, "poke" a crush or fire off a suggestive 3 a.m. text after ingesting enough Jägermeister to cripple a small yak?

You're not alone, Casanova.

A report by the Pew Internet and American Life Project suggests that 22 per cent of Facebook and MySpace users are flirting up a storm. And those are just the ones who will openly admit to it.

So why is flirting-via-technology so enticing?

"People have become extremely reliant on technology and gadgets today," says radio talk show host and flirting expert Susan McCord of beavertalk.com. "I think it's basically due to accessibility and laziness … it's easier to just send (a text or email) than to have a long, drawn-out phone conversation."

Sociology professor and relationships expert Dr. Pepper Schwartz of the University of Washington in Seattle offers another theory:

"Low exposure and vulnerability," Schwartz explains. "(Flirting by way of technology is) a quick way to 'test the waters.' If someone doesn't respond, it's not as awkward as it would be face-to-face."

So we're all a bunch of yellow-bellied cowards. Basically.

Flirting via text, Facebook, Messenger, Twitter and other social media tools provides a safety barrier in case of rejection. We're able to explore and escalate the desires of others in a detached fashion, making it a less personal way to get personal. ("I like you as a friend" stings far less when delivered in pixels.)

Hot, hot text can also be useful for pre-existing couples. It stokes the fires of long-distance or long-term relationships and serves as an extended form of foreplay.

"We often flirt-text when we're both out for the evening," says Jackie, a young professional who lives in Toronto. "While he's out with the boys, I want him to be thinking of me, and not the short-skirted girl one table over. "

Textual innuendo is just a way of letting someone know that you're looking forward to the next time you'll be in the same physical space as them … or a casual way to attempt to infiltrate someone's physical space in the first place.

(Poke.)

On the web

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Sofi Papamarko is a 20-something writer based in Toronto. Her heroes include Desmond Morris and Nancy Sinatra.

Views

'Birthday greetings' for Saudi Arabia

GlobalView

Saudi Arabia has just turned 79. Relatively young, but old enough to know that it is morally disgraceful to treat women like children.

The country that sits on the world's largest oil reserves is the only one that denies half its population the right to drive. Saudi women cannot vote, cannot drive, cannot be treated in a hospital or travel without the written permission of a male guardian, cannot study the same things men do and are barred from certain professions.

To mark her country's birthday, Saudi women's rights activist Wajeha al-Huwaider wants you to write to women in your government and urge them to pressure the Saudi government to end the system of male guardianship of women in Saudi Arabia. Consider it a campaign to finally let Saudi women grow up.

"I do believe free people around the world can help a lot to make women's lives in Saudi Arabia better," al-Huwaider said.

She asks that you also write letters, via Saudi embassies, addressed to Saudi King Abdullah — who many Saudis believe is a reformer but whose hands are tied by conservative members of the royal family and clerics.

The guardianship system basically puts a male relative in charge of women's lives. Imagine the humiliation of an adult woman needing the permission of a man — at times much younger than her — to do the most basic of things, such as being admitted into a hospital. Almost 60 per cent of university students in Saudi Arabia are women — so it's not a question of capability.

Some women are "lucky" enough to have male relatives who do not abuse the system. Their male relatives, for example, sign a letter granting unlimited permission to travel.

But why subject women to the whims of men and officials?

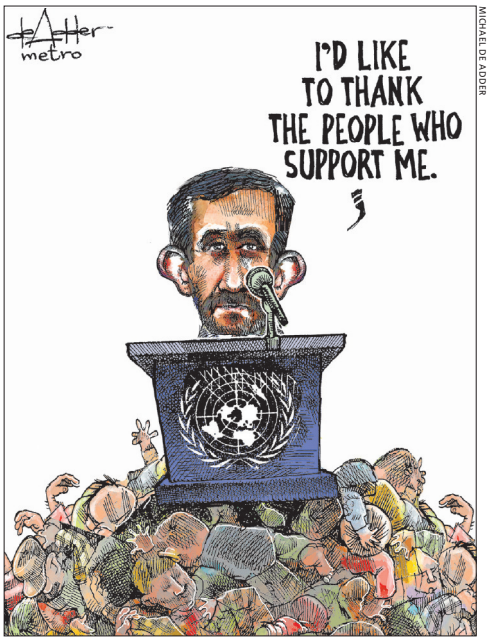
In 2008, al-Huwaider produced two video clips directly challenging Saudi Arabia's misogyny. One featured her driving as she addressed an open letter to the country's interior minister asking him to lift the ban on driving and offering to teach Saudi women how to drive.

The other one protested the lack of women on Saudi Arabia's Olympic teams and criticizing the ban on girls and women from sports in the kingdom's state-owned schools and universities, saying it had contributed to an obesity problem.

Just look at Saudi Arabia's neighbours to see that its outrageous treatment of women has nothing to do with Islam but more with its own customs. And listen to Wajeha al-Huwaider to understand that there are Saudi women courageously fighting for their rights and who deserve our support.

Send those "birthday cards!"

Mona Eltahawy is an award-winning Egyptian-born commentator and public speaker on Arab and Muslim issues. She reported on the Middle East for 10 years before moving to the U.S.



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Worth mentioning

Matador fights tradition with cape advertising

A little-known Spanish matador is breaking with a sacred tradition, agreeing to advertise on his cape while slaying bulls and endorse a soft drink that caters to homosexuals.

Matador Joselito Ortega will be plugging a club-scene energy beverage called Gay Up and have those words embroidered into his cape in large, red cursive letters.

In Spain, matadors are seen by many as the pinnacle of macho, and Ortega's agreeing to endorse a product geared toward gay men is raising eyebrows.

Celebrities

- Top-flight Spanish bullfighters are celebrities, just like football or movie stars, and it is common for them to have commercial endorsement gigs for everything from wine to cars to fancy clothes. But it is almost unprecedented for them to advertise something while in the arena.

But Ortega sees no incompatibility.

"I am a bullfighter. That is not going to change. I am going to go out into the ring as I have done until now, to risk my life, and the seven goring wounds on my body prove that," he told the AP yesterday. "If the gay community welcomes me as an image or a symbol, that is fine."

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DAVE Wireless signs deal with Bell Mobility over cell sites

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Record low inventories will boost vehicle output: Report

AUTOS Record low North American vehicle inventories, particularly for popular Canadian-made cars, will boost production through the end of 2009 and well into 2010, according to Scotia Economics.

Auto industry analyst Carlos Gomes said strong U.S. vehicles sales in August, boosted by the government's Cash for Clunkers program, have left inventories at a record-low 30 days' supply, down from a normal of 65 days.

Asian automakers' inventories are even lower, at about 22 days' supply.

Gomes said vehicle assembly across North America climbed to 9.3 million units in July and August, up from seven million in the first half of the year.

Scotia Economics predicts full-year Canadian sales of 1.45 million units, but Gomes said volumes may be even higher due to scrappage incentives offered by some automakers.

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TD Bank hikes global growth projections

TD Bank Financial Group now expects global economic growth in 2010 to come in a full percentage point stronger than it previously forecast.

The bank has raised its global growth projection for next year to 3.8 per cent, up from its previous estimate of 2.8 per cent, making it one of the most optimistic growth projections among economists.

A combination of factors are expected to drive growth, including stabilizing real estate markets, increased manufacturing production due to low inventories, government stimulus programs and record low interest rates.

"Improved consumer and business confidence should also be reflected in a greater willingness to spend and invest," stated TD Bank chief economist Don Drummond.

TD expects Canada's economy to grow at 2.5 per cent, a much slower pace than the global economy.

TD predicts the U.S. economy will grow by 2.4 per cent in 2010, while the European Union will grow by 2.3 per cent.

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BRIC economies

- Among the so-called BRIC countries, China's economy will expand by 8.7%, India's by 6.8%, Brazil's by 5.2% and Russia's by 4.2%.

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Rivals, CRTC challenge Globalive

WIRELESS A fledging national wireless network faced a stiff challenge yesterday from both rivals and the federal regulator to prove its Canadianness or face being shut out of the domestic cellphone market.

CRTC officials repeatedly questioned how Toronto-based Globalive Holdings could maintain its independence despite being 65 per cent owned by Egyptian cellphone giant Orascom, which also holds most of Globalive's debts.

Future competitors, Telus vice-president Ted Woodhead and Rogers executive Ken Engelhart, accused Globalive of being little more than a convenient "front" allowing Orascom to enter the Canadian market. Bell official Mirko Bibic argued that Globalive's structure is so "outside the law" that the commission has no choice but to deny it a licence.

Orascom head Naguib Sawiris, who participated through a television feed from Egypt, insisted he would not control Globalive. And he said new investors would be sought to take over his share of loans.

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Hearing

- The CRTC will wrap up the hearings in a private session with the players today and expects to issue a decision at the end of October.

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China Geely eyeing Volvo?

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Chinese car maker Geely Automobile said yesterday it will raise about $334 million US in a deal with an affiliate of Goldman Sachs, building up cash for a possible takeover of Ford Motor Co.'s Volvo Cars. Chinese domestic automakers like Geely are eager to improve their global competitiveness by acquiring foreign brands that might help them improve their technology and expand into overseas markets.

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Business in brief

INVESTMENT AGF Management Ltd. said yesterday profits shrank during the third quarter as weak global markets continued to take a toll on the Toronto-based investment management firm. The firm reported net income of $22.8 million or 25 cents per share for the quarter ended Aug. 31, down from profits of $41.1 million or 46 cents per share during the corresponding quarter of 2008.

WII PRICE CUT? A price cut may be imminent for Nintendo's Wii gaming console. Tech blog Engadget said in a posting that the Wii, which has cost about $250 US in the United States since its 2006 launch, will see its price drop to $200 beginning Sunday. Engadget posted what it said was a leaked memo from Best Buy. Speculation about a price cut has grown after the other two console makers, Sony Corp. and Microsoft Corp., reduced prices on their systems in August.

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Montreal-based forestry company Domtar is intent on divesting assets worth $160 million, including its wood business, in order to focus on its core paper business and reduce debt, says CEO and president John Williams. THE CANADIAN PRESS

'Copter firm takes dip

Shares plunge after loss of U.S. contract

Units of Canadian Helicopters Income Fund dropped sharply yesterday after the company lost a contract to provide $10.3 million in maintenance services to the U.S. air force.

Canada's largest helicopter transportation services firm, based in Montreal, said the U.S. Transportation Command has chosen an unnamed competitor to maintain radar sites in the North Warning System.

Canadian Helicopters units fell $1.62, or about 16.5 per cent, to $8.15 on the TSE.

The contract, which expires on Sept. 30, was one of three under which Canadian Helicopters provided support to the North Warning System, a series of radar stations stretching across the Arctic.

10.3 million dollars lost by Canadian Helicopters after it failed to secure U.S. contract

5 million dollars at play as the firm bids on 2 other U.S. Air Force contracts

The U.S. air force has begun a bidding process for the services under the other two contracts. The fund said it has submitted proposals for those services. The air force is expected to decide on the future of the contracts, with a combined value of $5 million, in the coming weeks

Canadian Helicopters, like other companies, faces a tougher market as the U.S. military comes under pressure from the Obama administration and Congress to reduce spending.

Industrial products analyst Lelio Lato ascribed Canadian Helicopters' contract loss to competitive pricing rather than service.

The company, with more than 600 employees and 128 aircraft, provides onshore helicopter services to the oil and gas, mining and forestry industries, and to emergency services.

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General Mills **Profits have bite**

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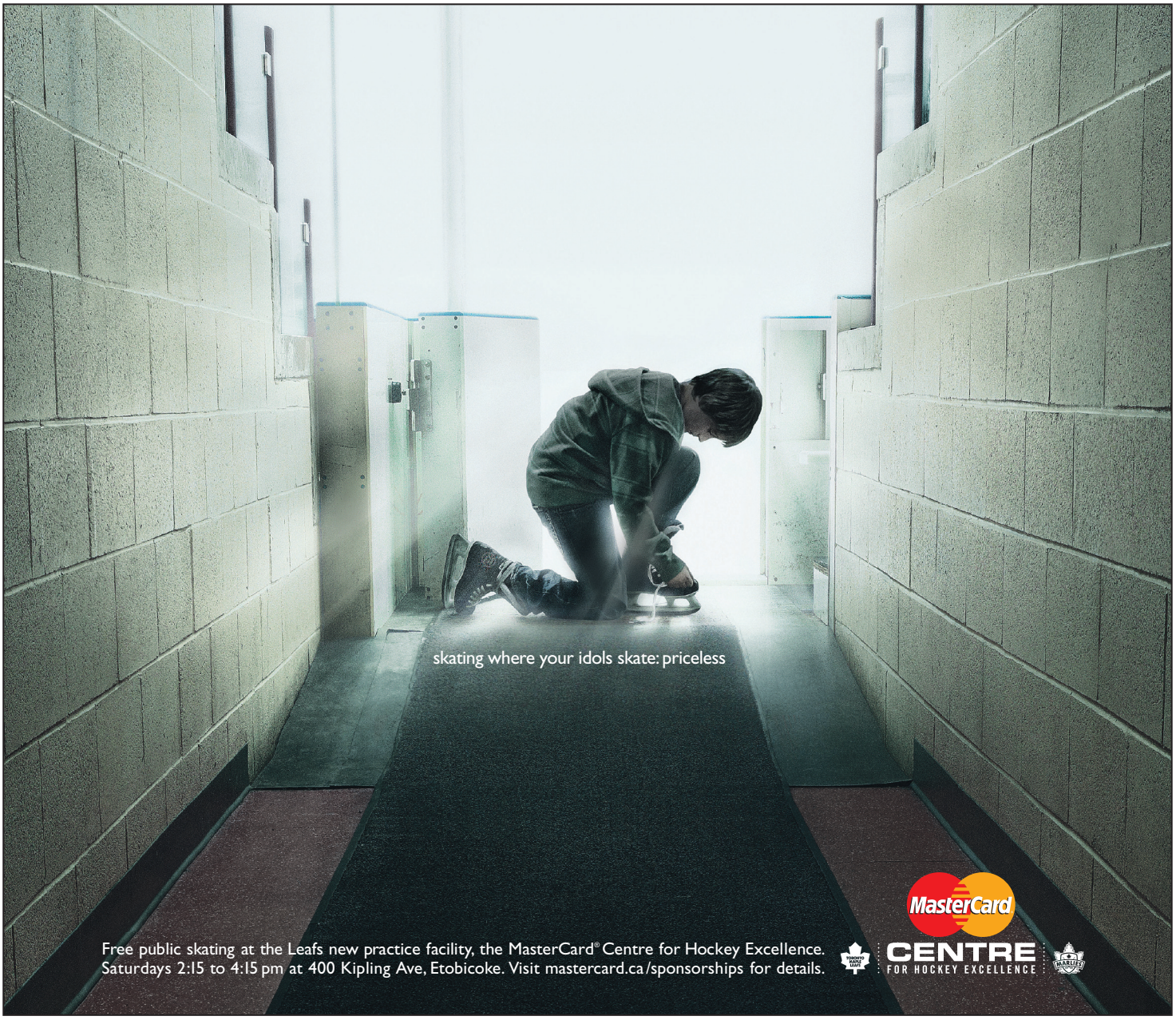
General Mills, maker of Cheerios and Yoplait yogurt, said yesterday its fiscal first-quarter profit surged 51 per cent on lower ingredient costs and strong customer demand.



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Forsberg attempts another comeback

Peter Forsberg is set to play for his hometown team Modo in the Swedish Elite League starting today in yet another comeback attempt. Modo has given the 36-year-old a one-week tryout contract. Forsberg can play with Modo until the NHL season begins Oct. 2 without jeopardizing a possible NHL comeback. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports

Cox throwing himself out

The Atlanta Braves say Bobby Cox, left, will retire as manager after the 2010 season. Cox managed the Braves from 1978-81, switched to manage the Toronto Blue Jays from 1982-85, then returned to manage Atlanta in 1990. Cox currently sits fourth on MLB's all-time managerial wins list and holds the record among coaches for most times ejected from a game. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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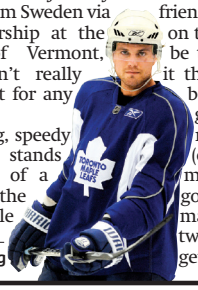
The Frat Pack's 'wow factor'

Stalberg's speed stands out among skilled group of Maple Leafs rookies

Viktor Stalberg is entering new territory.

The 23-year-old hasn't been cut from a team since he was 16. In fact, having taken the unusual journey to the NHL from Sweden via a full scholarship at the University of Vermont, Stalberg hasn't really had to try out for any team.



Viktor Stalberg

Now the big, speedy right-winger stands on the cusp of a spot with the Toronto Maple Leafs, battling two others from the NCAA ranks he's come to know as his friends, Tyler Bozak and Christian Hanson.

"Off the ice, you're friends and buddies, but on the ice you've got to be the guy who wants it the most," said Stalberg. "We're pretty good friends right now. If that happens (only one of them makes the team), good for the guy that makes it. I'm sure the two other guys will get a chance soon."

Stalberg, Bozak and Hanson — roommates over the summer — have played together for about 10 games already, including rookie camp, and have unofficially been labelled The Frat Pack. Coach Ron Wilson broke them up last night in Buffalo to see how they perform with other players.

"They're not stupid, they know what our depth chart is," said Wilson. "We're not going to have all three."

But there might be room for one, especially if injuries rear their ugly head. Already Jamal Mayers and Colton Orr — two pegged for fourth-line duty — are nursing minor scrapes. Bozak makes smart, patient, pretty passes. Hanson is a force in front of the net with a heavy shot.

Stalberg has elements of both, but brings incredible speed along with considerable size and strength.

"We — all three — have shown we're ready to play," said Stalberg. "It's a matter of numbers right now."

A sixth-round pick in 2006, he has a chance to be a positive legacy from the John Ferguson Jr. era, the kind of late-blooming Swede the Detroit Red Wings are famous for cultivating.

"Vik was kind of an underrated player coming into college," said University of Vermont coach Kevin Sneddon, a Burlington, Ont., native. "He's got that one wow factor, that's his overall speed."

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For a recap of last night's pre-season tilt between the Maple Leafs and Sabres, visit: **metronews.ca/sports**

Former Titans receiver files lawsuit against club over alleged hidden injury

FOOTBALL Former Tennessee Titans receiver David Givens claims the team failed to tell him about a defect in his knee that led to an injury and eventually ended his career.

Givens claims in a lawsuit filed Tuesday a doctor discovered a defect in his knee in 2006. He adds the doctor told team officials he "may not be able to make a full 16-game season," according to the suit. But Givens says he was kept in the dark about his condition and urged to keep playing by team officials. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Sports in brief

RETIREMENT Veteran goaltender Olaf Kolzig is retiring after 14 seasons in the NHL. The 39-year-old former Vezina Trophy winner — known as "Olie The Goalie" — spent most of his career with the Washington Capitals. His 303 career wins rank 21st in the NHL.

EAGLES Donovan McNabb did not practise yesterday because of a broken rib. Kevin Kolb would make his second straight start if McNabb can't play against Kansas City this week. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Blue Jays **Battle of the birds**

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Toronto teammates Edwin Encarnacion, left, and Rod Barajas celebrate after Encarnacion scored on a Lyle Overbay RBI double last night against Baltimore. **For a complete recap of last night's game between the Blue Jays and Orioles, visit metronews.ca/sports**

Nets, Russian billionaire strike deal

BASKETBALL Russia's richest man has a deal to buy a controlling interest in the New Jersey Nets and nearly half of a project to build a new arena in Brooklyn.

Mikhail Prokhorov's Onexim Group announced the deal yesterday with Forest City Ratner Companies and Nets Sports and Entertainment. They say they have signed a letter of intent to create a partnership for the development of the Atlantic Yards Project.

Mikhail Prokhorov

According to the agreement, entities to be formed by Onexim Group will invest $200 million US and make certain funding commitments to acquire 80 per cent of the NBA team, 45 per cent of the arena project and the right to purchase up to 20 per cent of the Atlantic Yards Development Company, which will develop the non-arena real estate.

Prokhorov would be the first non-North American NBA owner.

NBA commissioner David Stern praised the move, saying it will help the NBA expand globally while ensuring that the Nets will have a new arena.

The NBA will review the proposal, and the deal must be approved by three-fourths of the NBA's board of governors.

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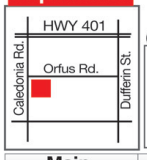
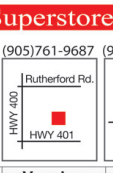
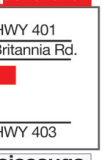
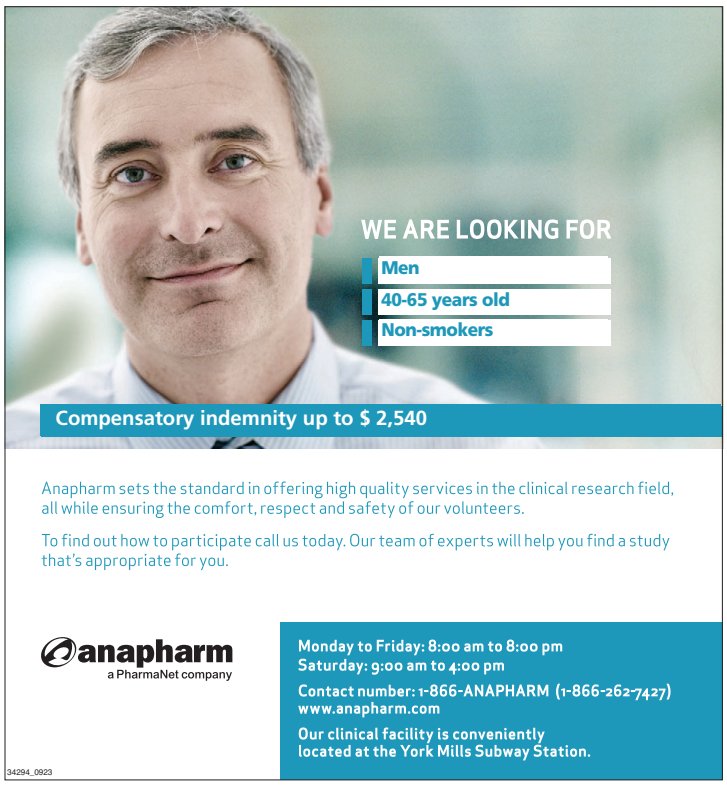






Carey joins bid committee

Comedian Drew Carey is joining the board of the U.S. bidding committee trying to land the World Cup in 2018 or 2022. Host of the television show The Price is Right, Carey is part owner of Major League Soccer's Seattle Sounders. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Chelsea, Man U, Spurs advance in Carling Cup

Chelsea and Tottenham advanced to the last 16 of the Carling Cup with victories over second-tier opposition, while defending champion Manchester United eliminated Premier League rival Wolverhampton yesterday.

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Chelsea's Frank Lampard gets tackled yesterday by Alejandro Raurlin of Queens Park Rangers during Chelsea's 1-0 win.

Salomon Kalou scored at the start of the second half to clinch Chelsea's 1-0 win over west London neighbour Queens Park Rangers, while Peter Crouch scored a hat trick as Tottenham routed Preston 5-1.

The Red Devils played for an hour with 10 men but Danny Welbeck's second-half strike secured a 1-0 win over Wolves.

Manchester City required captain Kolo Toure's extra-time header to oust Fulham 2-1.

At Stamford Bridge, Chelsea's 23rd consecutive unbeaten match equalled a club record as Joe Cole captained the side on his return from nine months out with a knee injury.

Cole set up the winner, slipping the ball through to Kalou in the 52nd minute and the Ivory Coast forward cut inside Mikele Leigertwood on the left clipped in off the post.

"I'm very pleased — I helped to make the goal and I should have scored myself," Cole said. "I'm delighted I wasn't off the pace and I was among the action, but I'm not getting beyond myself. This is a stepping stone for me. I'll keep working hard."

Elsewhere it was: Aston Villa 1 Cardiff 0; Hull 0 Everton 4; and Manchester City 2 Fulham 1 (OT).

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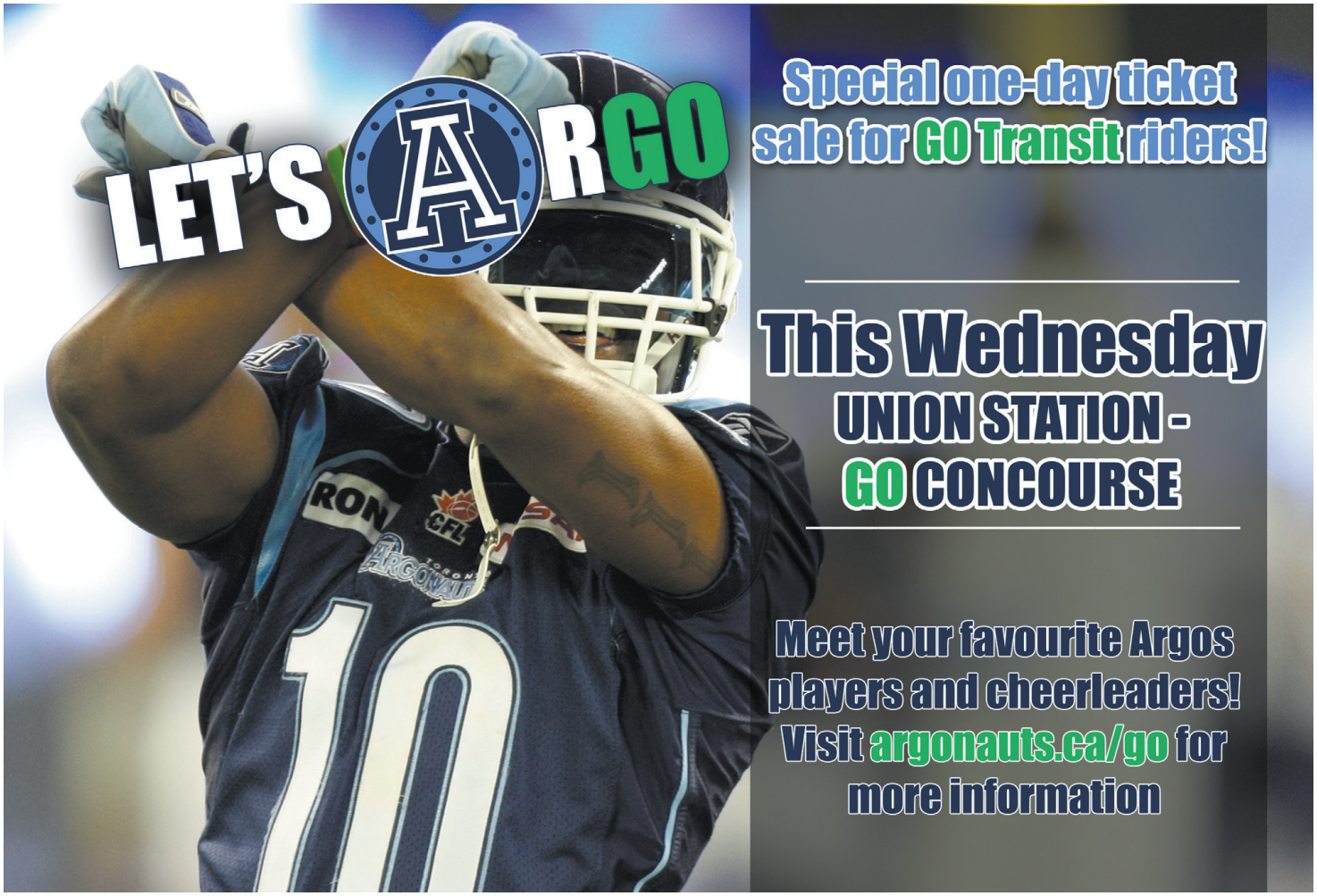

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Passion, romance and sequins

Anna Molinari is the grande dame of Milanese style.

Of all of the fashion houses that show in Milan, Anna Molinari's, which includes Blumarine, Blugirl and her eponymous line, might be the most Milanese. Her popular work has all of the luxe qualities Italian women's wear is stereotypically known for. There's the rich fabrics, the shiny Swarovski crystals, the mink collars, the sky high slits, the plunging necklines, the thigh-grazing hemlines — you get the idea.

Over the past three decades, since she launched Blumarine in 1977, she has developed a reputation for churning out perennially glamorous gowns, which have made her an institution of sorts in Italy. In many ways, Molinari's work is an extension of herself. She grew up in the scenic vacation resort town, Capri. She loves glamour, favours Impressionist paintings and smells of expensive perfume. She stays at the Four Seasons hotel and listens to Anastacia. And when she talks about her work she uses dramatic, romantic terms such as "passion" and "desire." It's a very '80s brand of fabulousness, which isn't such a bad thing considering the fashion world's obsession with that era.

"I always design for myself," admits Molinari, who is commonly known as "The Rose Queen" in her home city.

"My constant purpose is to offer the right harmony in proportions, colours and accessories. I'm designing for the woman who has to combine family and job, love and duties," she explains.

While certain aspects of Molinari's work seem to come from another time, other qualities are strikingly modern. For example, her autumn/winter '09 show featured one of the most ethnically diverse model casts of Milan's season. That's saying a lot for a city that has received much criticism in the past for its longstanding racial homogeneity in fashion. Molinari says she appreciates the melting pot aspects of cities like New York.

"A woman who lives in New York is more cosmopolitan than a Milanese one. Every day, she experiences people from different cultures, living harmoniously together and she naturally absorbs these diverse influences," she says. (Yes, even her view of race relations is somewhat romanticized.)

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The Rose Queen

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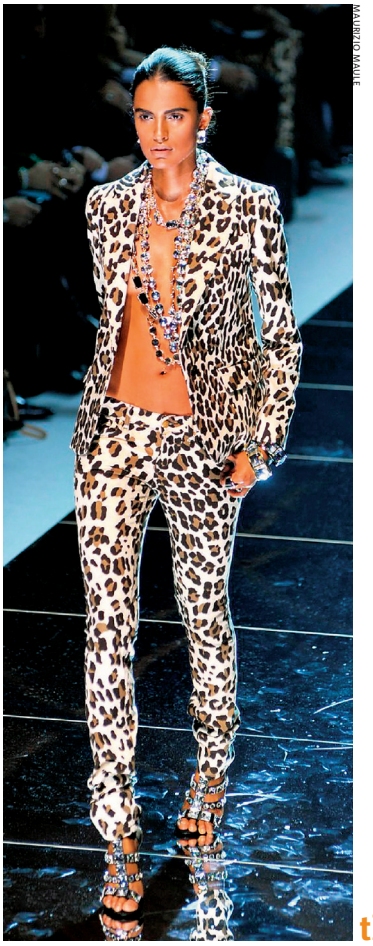
MAURIZIO MAULE

the look

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For her spring 2010 collection she'll draw on her lifelong obsession with travel.

"It will be about nature and far-off destinations. Travel is a big source of inspiration for me," she says.

"I try to capture all of the cultural and artistic aspects of my travels and mix them up through my own sensibility," she says.

Her fascination with the visual arts stems from her art history studies in college. Meanwhile, she developed an eye for fabric very early on as a child, watching her parents work in their successful clothing factory.

"The fashion world, with its colours, details and embroideries, was a part of my everyday life. I began experimenting with it when I was very young," she recalls.

Her spring collection will also play with texture.

"I'll be using light fabrics and bright colours. It has an energetic and exotic vibe to it. But it will also be casual and chic," she says.

Not that she will be abandoning her trademark sartorial drama. "Italian women love frills and embroideries. They approach fashion with a passion for elegance and wisely expressed femininity," she says. With that in mind, consider her work an evolution of a constant theme.

"I don't feel the need to keep up with what's new," she elaborates.

"But it's always a challenge for me to satisfy my customers and attract new ones."

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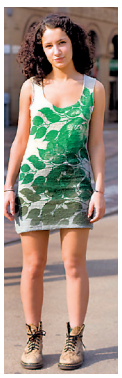

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The city is not all about designer logos and flashy extravagance. A look at its everyday residents reveals an unexpected, edgier side of Milanese style.

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Milan's top talents

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miuccia prada

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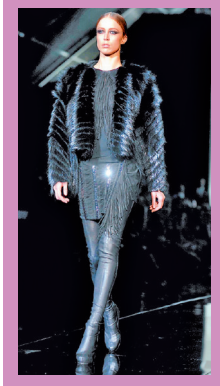
the intellectuals

Miuccia Prada, arguably Milan's most influential designer, has transformed womenswear, with her smart, challenging designs (above left).

There's almost something mathematical about Raf Simons' clinical, pristine lines and curves for Jil Sander. His work (above right) has a futuristic and modernist edge .



MAURIZIO MAULE

roberto cavalli

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the showstoppers

Consider Roberto Cavalli's flamboyant fashion (above left) an extension of his own flashy, celebrity lifestyle. He's a favourite among A-listers such as Victoria Beckham and Jennifer Lopez.

You won't find a bigger institution in Milan than Giorgio Armani, whose work (above right) exemplifies understated glamour. He's got his name engraved on nearly every building in the town.

MAURIZIO MAULE

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marni

dolce & gabbana

the aesthetes

Marni's work is modern and timelessly eccentric thanks to Consuelo Castiglioni's trademark use of unexpected colour and pattern combinations (above left). Consider it clothing for the ultimate magpie.

Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana's work (above right) evokes all of the things we've come to expect from Milan fashion: Sex, supermodels and luxury.

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What makes her front row worthy: In addition to being a box office hit, the buxom beauty has also starred in several fashion and beauty ads, including one for Dolce & Gabbana Cosmetics.
Where she's been spotted: Dolce & Gabbana

jennifer lopez

What makes her front row worthy: Her movie career may be lagging, but the singer/actress still knows how to work the paparazzi up into a frenzy (and what would a fashion show be without staged tabloid-worthy photo-ops?) Added bonus: Lopez exemplifies Milan's glamorous style.
Where she's been spotted: Dolce & Gabbana, Versace

victoria beckham

What makes her front row worthy: She's the face of Emporio Armani and makes a living out of shocking best and worst dressed critics with her red carpet outfits.
Where she's been spotted: Roberto Cavalli, Fendi

margherita missoni

What makes her front row worthy: She's the chic ambassador of one of Milan's most iconic fashion families.
Where she's been spotted: Missoni

eva mendes

What makes her front row worthy: Like the others on this list, she's gorgeous and wears sample size, which makes the actress a natural hit with the fashion crowd.
Where she's been spotted: Dolce & Gabbana

elizabeth hurley

What makes her front row worthy: The Estée Lauder spokeswoman has a flair for the dramatic — in her personal life and her wardrobe — and oozes a certain old school glamour.
Where she's been spotted: Roberto Cavalli

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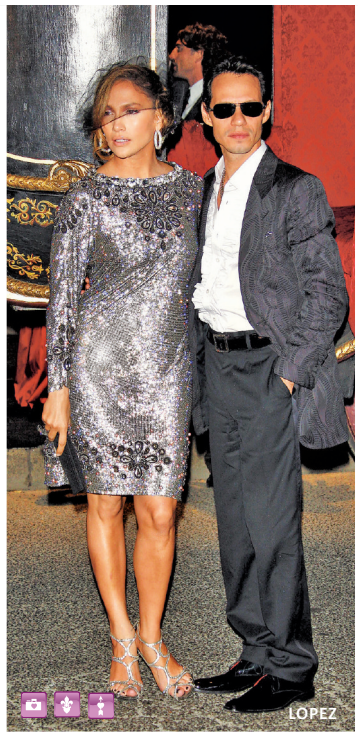
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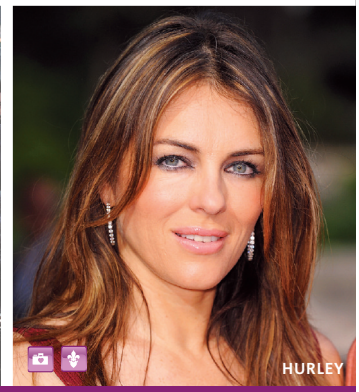
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the milan look

Forget about trends, Milanese style is all about the quality of the clothes and accessories. KENYA HUNT

Prada sunglasses, $390, netaporter.com
Old Hollywood glamour meets Italian drama.

Marni top, $627, marni.com
The white blouse gets a cool update with techy fabrics and gathered straps.

Philosophy di Alberta Ferretti shift dress, $524 my-wardrobe.com
Milanese women appreciate the value of a good little black dress.

Miu Miu crinkled patent tote, $1,183 netaporter.com
The It bag may be dead in New York, but the designer satchel is still a staple in Milan.

Natasha Poly

knows what she likes in Milan and it keeps her coming back for more

Shopping

Via Montenapoleone

"They have all of the designer stores and amazing little boutiques."

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"I can't leave without their spa treatments such as the Ayurvedic and reflexology massage. They really ease stress and relax me."

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Natasha Poly (Women Mgmt) stars in the current ad campaigns for Gucci, Phi and Jil Sander.

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"(It has) a really great menu for those looking for traditional Italian food. The wine list is also very good. Its bar is a great place to have a drink with friends. That's the perfect evening activity for me."

MAISIE WILHELM

Milan for everyone

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The Beckhams leaving Da Giacomo.

Don't let all the sunglasses fool you. Despite its residents' cool façades, Milan is a friendly and fun town. Here's where to go to maximize your Fashion Week experience.

RICHARD PECKETT

The Principe di Savoia

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Consider the nearly century-old five-star hotel the unofficial headquarters of Milan Fashion Week (or Milano Moda Donna as the locals call it). Some of the industry's top editors, models and executives stay here during collections week. Head straight to the bar, order a drink, and pretend that you're killing time before your next show.

Ristorante Da Giacomo

6 Via Pascale Sottocorno
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Looks can be deceptive, as far as this moderately-priced restaurant is concerned. Its modest appearance makes it a great place for the fashion glitterati to go without hassle. Giorgio Armani, Domenico Dolce and Stefano Gabbana are all regulars here and Victoria and David Beckham have been known to stop by when they're in town.

Corso Como 10

10 Corso Como
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Editors, models and celebrities all head to this popular shop, which is owned by Carla Sozzani (sister of Vogue Italia editor-in-chief Franca). If you don't have the budget to buy the luxury goods for sale inside, take a seat at the outdoor café, have a tramezzini (little Italian tea sandwiches made with crustless bread), and soak in the scenery instead.

Alla Cucina delle Langhe

6 Corso Como
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Arguably the fashion set's most popular canteen, "Le Langhe," as the locals call it, it also attracts film stars, politicans and world leaders. Tom Ford, Anna Wintour, Matthew McConaughey and Narciso Rodriguez have all been spotted eating there. Word of advice: Plan ahead. You'll want to make a reservation.

Meet Project Runway designer

Meet Project Runway Canada designer Brandon R. Dwyer as he debuts his inaugural collection at Eleven boutique (116 Cumberland St.) on Friday between noon and 2 p.m. & Saturday between 2 p.m. and 4 p.m. METRO NEWS SERVICES

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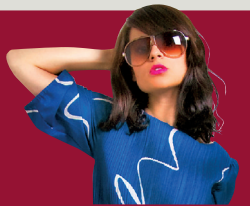

The Clothing Show

Now in its 32nd year, The Clothing Show returns for another weekend of shopping, art and runway shows Friday through Sunday. Explore the future of fashion with the show's Boutique section, featuring new designers. Other highlights include a Sample Sale, Accessories section, Streetwear area, Men's section and more. Runway shows run on Friday and Saturday. Admission is $8 online and $10 at the door. Visit theclothingshow.com. (Left: Clothing by Promise to Repeat). METRO NEWS SERVICES

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A triumphant return

Beige and pales dominated London's Burberry show

Burberry and its creative director Christopher Bailey made a triumphant return to London this week, winning over a star-studded audience at the glitziest event of the capital's fashion week.

Bailey, who has helped transform the once staid brand into a fashion powerhouse, showed a series of short dresses, including many with a trench coat theme familiar to longtime fans of Burberry.

There was just enough of the traditional Burberry plaid to keep traditionalists happy, while younger fans were drawn to the soft, sexy lines of the dresses, most of them in beige (long associated with Burberry) and pale greens and yellows.

"I thought it was beautiful, and very poetic," said Hilary Alexander, fashion director of The Daily Telegraph newspaper. "The heritage was there, but it was like a ballet, a dance."

Bailey used sequins and bright metallic silver fabric to set off some of his jackets and tops, adding glitter to the look, and also used padded shoulders for emphasis on several of the combination trench-dresses that were an important theme of the show.

London's Burberry runway show had just enough plaid to keep traditionalists happy.

Belts were used for shape, and the models looked extremely feminine, their long flowing hair and natural makeup bucking a trend toward androgyny seen in other shows this week.

The Burberry show was one of the largest and most eagerly anticipated of London Fashion week, and the crowd arrived early to sip champagne or elderflower coolers on the steps of the Chelsea College of Art and Design near the River Thames. Harold Tillman, chairman of the British Fashion Council, said the week has been a tremendous success, with large crowds filling many shows. He said the trend toward prints had been noticeable.

"There have been so many good, good shows," he said. "There are great designers, showing freshness, fearlessness. It's so exciting, it really is."

Burberry chief executive office Angela Ahrendt said before the show began that it was an honour to be back on the catwalks in London, where the company has long been based.

"It's a phenomenal honour," she said, gesturing to the gathered crowd. "We are a British brand. For Christopher Bailey, who's British, he can finally come home and share his talent with the rest of the country.

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Younger Burberry fans were drawn to the spring /summer 2010's sexy dresses in beige and pale greens and yellows. The familiar trench coat theme (left) was also prominent.

The "in" crowd

- The Burberry crowd included Oscar-winning actress Gwyneth Paltrow (below, right), Harry Potter star Emma Watson (left) and former Spice Girl Victoria Beckham.

Heavy Metal

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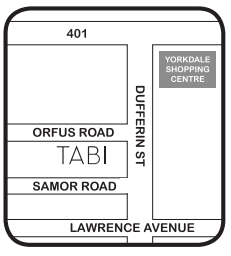

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The agreement gives Levy Canada, one of the most prominent outerwear companies in Canada, the exclusive license to design, manufacture and distribute both Hilary Radley and Hilary Radley New York in Canada. Levy Canada's sister company, The Levy Group, has the same licence rights for the U.S. market.

Starting with the fall 2010 season, Hilary Radley and Hilary Radley New York collections will be presented in Levy Canada's showrooms in Montreal. The collections will be geared toward select department and specialty stores. METRO NEWS SERVICES

RunwayBeauty

Ashley Rebecca

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THE REBEL JACKET

ADVICE This season, there are two style options: worn-in vintage, for a biker or rough-edged look, or sleek urban in polished, glossy leather. When buying a leather jacket, make sure that it's properly tailored for a good fit and that the seams don't pucker or pull.

HOW TO WEAR IT Versatile and easy. Pair it with slim pants and chunky jewellery for day or with a soft, romantic dress and platform booties for night.

STUDIO ANDRÉ DOYON

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PETITE Leather jacket, Danier ($299, danier.com)

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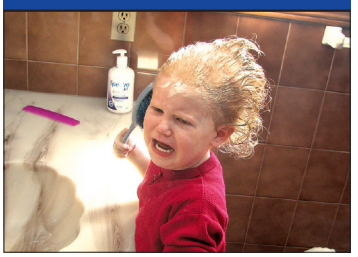

Toddler next door keeps a condo owner up all night.

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Art Deco lives again in South Beach

RAFAEL BRUSILOW
for Metro Canada

A selection of renderings of South Beach Condos +Lofts.

Proving that artistic trends move in cycles, South Beach Condos + Lofts takes vintage Art Deco to a fresh, new level.

Located on South Etobicoke's Humber Shores, South Beach takes is stylistic ambitions not only from the celebrated Jazz Age but also from the namesake neighbourhood in Miami that best embodies the Art Deco spirit.

The twin 27-storey glass-and-steel towers rise above a retail promenade made to resemble Miami's Ocean Drive, complete with neon accents and Art Deco-style signage.

Dan Menchions, partner and founder of II BY IV Design Associates Inc. which designed the complex, says the goal of the whole development is to recreate the feeling of exciting Ocean Drive living in an affordable, convenient setting.

"This is really a themed development. We really wanted to create a lifestyle brand, almost a resort-like condominium complex," Menchions said.

Suite Talk

South Beach's three model suites each show off the complex's myriad artistic possibilities. The "White" suite features white-on-white themes with lavender accents for a more traditionally feminine appeal while the "Black" suite mixes lustrous blacks with luxurious gold highlights to recapture that masculine 1920s' feel. The loft model suite reveals how spacious a 600+ square-foot can be when outfitted well with eclectic, modern furniture.

Art Deco inspirations lay themselves bare in the impressive lobby area which features tall columns sporting gorgeous mosaic work, polished terrazzo floors and retro-inspired furniture to capture that sense of opulent elegance the Art Deco period is best known for.

"The lobby is very eclectic. It's whimsical and sophisticated at the same time, it's like walking into a hotel," Menchions said.

Floor-to-ceiling windows in individual suites provide striking views of the lake and Humber Bay Park and rooftop solar panels ensure a green touch that helps save on energy costs. Top suite features include engineered wood flooring and custom-designed kitchen and bathroom cabinetry and the on-site Shore Club includes a long list of amenities such as a fully-kitted exercise facility, pool and terrace with sundeck.

Suites and lofts range from 454 – 2,170 square feet and run from $188,000 to over $1 million. For more information visit southbeachtoronto.com.

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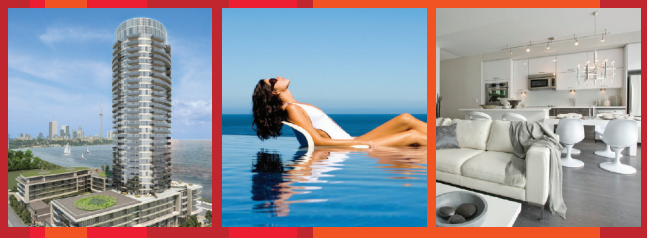

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Dorm outside the **norm**

EMMA YARDLEY
for Metro Canada

You've been in your new dorm room for a couple weeks now but your home away from home is the furthest thing from homey. The walls are bare and, besides the textbooks, your shelves remain empty.

The dorm rules on decorating are strict and money is tight but it's possible to turn this strange room into your room without ever having to bang a nail or blow your student loan on room accessories.

Double-sided tape and hooks are a great option for hanging posters and pictures; throwing down a small bright rug adds instant warmth (and covers up old stains!); and getting coat hooks that hang over the back your door keeps you from drilling any holes. Remember, this small space has to be your bedroom, study and storage room for a year!

Floor space is limited. Tucking your shoes into a closet hanger makes a lot of sense. Canadian Tire, $12.99, canadiantire.ca.

The desk is barley big enough to hold your laptop, so keeping it tidy is more important then ever. Leather Desk Accessories, $12.99 (box) and $16.99 (organizer), Homesense, homesense.ca.

In such a small room, it's important to make use of all available space. Stack your extra stuff into storage boxes and slip them under the bed for easy access. KAJSA, $14, Ikea, ikea.com

Since you're not allowed to burn scented candles, a diffuser is an elegant alternative to cover up that odd funk coming from down the hallway. Crabtree & Evelyn $50, crabtree-evelyn.com.

Making your tiny bed as comfortable as possible should be a high priority. Printed pillows, $9.99 (small) and $12.99 (large), President's Choice Home, home.pc.ca.

A classic white bulletin board provides you with a place to pin your new class schedule and Polaroid pics of your friends back home. Homesense, $29.99, homesense.ca.

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• Carat lamp in Topaz $80, 500 mL delicate Tea home fragrance $24, Lampe Berger.

the comforting smell of books

"Books entertain, cheer, guide and comfort me and are by far my fave decorating accessory, and this candle's evocative scent is a perfect complement to them." Laurie Grassi, executive editor

• Assouline Books candle $59, Teatro Verde.

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"I always have tea lights on hand for entertaining. These have a delicious, creamy vanilla scent and burn nicely, too." Christine Hanlon, design editor

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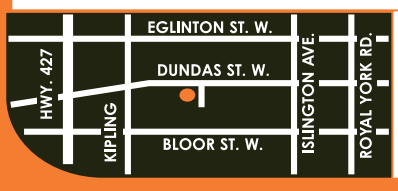

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Toddler wreaks condo havoc

LegalMatters

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Q I'm a condo owner and my next door neighbours (renters) have a toddler who screams at all hours of the day. This has been going on for almost three months now. The screaming occurs both in the day time, and regularly from midnight until 2 a.m. I have been woken up by the screaming and crying, and I have tried everything to solve this problem, including talking to the neighbours to see if they could move their child into another room, as well as move my own bed into my living room but nothing has seemed to help I wear earplugs and tried to soundproof my doors with door stoppers to fill the gaps between the door and the floor, as well as moving shelves along the adjacent wall. This didn't help either. I'm now faced with a daily disruption of my sleep and will be complaining to my building manager — again. Is there anything else that can be done (short of moving out of my unit)? Would they or their landlord be responsible for soundproofing their side of the unit?

BARB VANDERDEEN/FOR METRO CANADA

A toddler is keeping a condo resident up at all hours.

A You raise an interesting point and a very touchy situation with respect to condominium living. Although I have written about noise from neighbours before, I think you lengthier explanation gives our readers are real feel for what it is to live in a home that you own but makes you feel like you have no more rights than if you reside in an apartment building.

Let's face it, small children cry. I think the hinge here is your position as an owner with your pursuant rights to quiet enjoyment and a tenant's same right.

Obviously, they are intruding upon your rights and you need to make this abundantly clear to the board of the condominium corporation. The owner/landlord has an obligation to uphold your rights of quiet enjoyment and you have every right to properly express your disappointment and attempted mitigation (making the best of a bad situation — moving your bed?!).

Your first step is to put your concerns in writing to be board (no more calls to the manager) in a concise and manageable manner. Also, if you are affected, some of your other owners must also be affected. Canvass their support. Once before the board, the owner's interest should always trump those of tenants.

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Poor budget, rich imagination

BRIAN COULTON
for Metro Canada

The mortgage crisis may have made home owning a buyer's market, but for many cash-strapped Canadians, that dwelling of their desire simply becomes a fixer-upper that never gets fixed.

Even if the country is now post-recession on paper, the effect has yet to hit most individuals' wallets, while jobs continue to be lost at about the same rate of hair loss from those worrying about losing their jobs. So, what's the penny-pinching renovator to do?

Enter Suzanne Schultz, financial planner and co-host of the new program House Poor, which premieres Monday on HGTV.

The program sees Schultz along with contractor Frank di Leo help families in need of home renovation both understand the importance of advanced financial planning and receive the overhaul they can't afford.

"If you start at the beginning with a set dollar figure you're aiming toward, then shop around and do your research, you'll be really surprised how you can complete your room on a strict budget."
Suzanne Schultz, co-host of House Poor

Those profiled also have a chance to win $10,000 to aid their financial future — $5,000 if they complete Schultz' financial challenges, like creating a budget, and an additional $5,000 if they compromise during the renovation to stay on budget.

"There are no other shows on HGTV that talk about the personal finance element of doing the renovation, and go beyond that to talk about saving money in your day-to-day household," said Schultz, who equates thrifty with trendy, due to the economic downturn.

Suzanne Schultz and contractor Frank di Leo are featured on HGTV's House Poor.

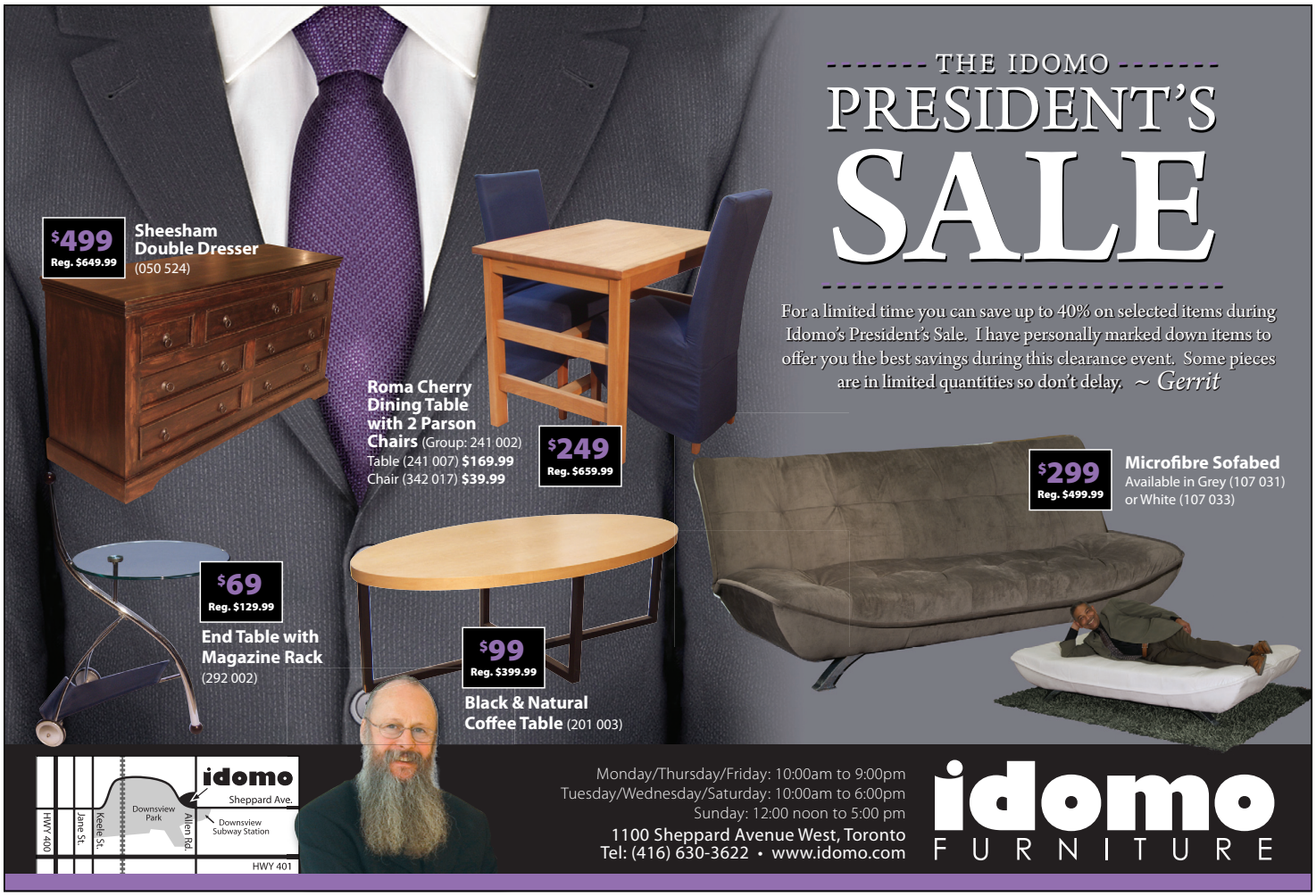
She thinks House Poor will be popular among a cross-section of homeowners because of the variety of incomes and types of family that seem to find themselves in the same situation. Despite their differences, she said the common denominator is none of them really have a clue where they're spending their money.

"They don't track it. They just spend it and, at the end of the month, they all know there's no money left over to do the renovation, but they're not sure why. Tha"s where I come in," she said. "They're usually really surprised to find out where the money is going."

By understanding where you're spending, Schultz said you can create a budget and more easily decide how to reallocate the funds, advice she recommends for viewers who see their circumstances reflected on the show.

Budgeting for the renovation itself is also essential, said Schultz, instead of haphazard buying, which often results in little long-term progress.

"If you start at the beginning with a set dollar figure you're aiming toward, then shop around and do your research, you'll be really surprised how you can complete your room on a strict budget."



Tips for homebuying: Talk with a real estate lawyer

It's important that you meet with a real estate or condominium lawyer before signing an Agreement of Purchase and Sale to make sure you understand exactly what is and is not included in the price of your new home. **NEWS CANADA**

Heating up cool autumn nights

HomeScape

As much as I'm trying to avoid the truth, it's undeniable. The days have been gorgeously autumnal for the most part, but the evenings are getting a tad chilly.

My friends laugh at me, but I've found that bringing along sweaters and wearing shoes and socks helps. You see, the problem is that the warm, brilliant fall days give way pretty quickly to the cool evenings.

Of course, the most sensible solution is to dress more warmly if you want to stay outside. Setting out blankets for each person is a cosy idea, as well as warm drinks and hot nibbles to warm the cockles.

Another great way to extend the outdoor season is to invest in an infrared or radiant patio heater for a sheltered open area. There are some complaints about patio heaters from an environmental point of view. After all, heating the great outdoors was never an energy-efficient plan, to be sure. But you'll have to forgive me — short-term usage when needed sure can make a difference to your comfort level during those increasingly frosty evenings.

Like any other appliance we use, it can be used in a conscientious manner. To operate it in the least energy-gobbling way, be sure to turn it off after you are finished using it, and consider operating on half-power once it is fired up. Also make sure the unit has a sturdy aluminum reflector at the top, to direct heat down onto the patio, where it's needed.

"And like any other appliance we use, (patio heaters) can be used in a conscientious manner."

If you are set up for natural gas, and would like to use the patio heater near the house, hooking up a heater with a central fuel supply is ideal since it is the most efficient form of heating. For many people, a propane-powered patio heater is easier, since the propane tank is stored in the base of the heater, and can be moved around with ease.

You can find residential patio heaters at Home Depot and Canadian Tire, ranging from $139 for a tabletop propane heater, to $399 for a 7-foot tall propane heater. Outdoor furniture stores generally carry patio heaters as well. Or you may contact Barrie, Ont.-based Napoleon to find out where you could purchase their models (napoleon.com or 1-888-726-2220). Their Lifestyle "Bullet" propane patio heater has a list price of $469.00, while their commercial series is listed at $599.00.

Another locally produced patio heater is from Wainfleet, Onto. Easy Radiant Works (erwcan.com) manufactures powerful 50-BTU, commercial-grade patio heaters, starting at around $600 plus shipping.

Sylvia Putz is a journalist with an interest in decor and design. She's written for the TV show Arresting Design; sputz@arrestingdesign.com.

Mull over this ...

- **Gas, propane or electrical?** I'd avoid electrical because these heaters are the least efficient. Whether you go for natural gas or portable propane depends on whether you can easily run a natural gas line from your house or not.
- **How large an area are you trying to heat?** A small area with a dining table and room for 6 to 7 people may only need a tabletop propane heater. A tall patio heater will provide heat in a radius of anywhere from 10 feet to 20 feet, depending on the BTU output. A commercial model usually pumps out the most heat, generally providing warmth within a 25-foot radius. If you've got a large patio, you may want to consider several of these heaters.
- **Where to put it?** Choose a semi-protected area to shield the unit from winds, but also provide adequate ventilation to avoid the buildup of dangerous exhaust gases. You might also consider mounting a strip or high-mount unit to a wall or a support if you don't have much room or you have active young children or pets.
- Safety features such as a sturdy heavy base and a tilt feature which shuts off the fuel when the unit tips over, flame control, electronic ignition and an emergency cut-off value are important. The heater must also be kept away from combustible surfaces—see the installation manual to check for allowable distances.

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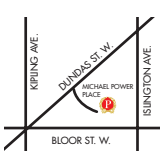

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Real estate, much like any other professional field, tends to have a number of terms that can be difficult to comprehend when you're not forced to deal with them on a day-to-day basis.

Here are a few of the more common ones that I've received inquiries on recently. Hopefully you'll feel just a little more comfortable with the jargon out there.

MISREPRESENTATION

This one can be tricky. It usually comes up when the buyer finds out that what he thought was promised by the seller, wasn't. I recently received an email from a gentleman who was promised a tandem parking spot but when the deal closed the space was a regular single, in a poor location no less. Can anything be done? Well, depending on the wording in the contract and any amendments that were signed, recourse may or may not be sought. The point is that there was certainly misrepresentation during the listing period. However, and unfortunately for the buyer in this case, if an amendment was signed correcting the matter, albeit not to the understanding of the buyer, the misrepresentation did not technically carry over to the closing period.

"Ever wonder why 2,500 square feet doesn't seem as large as it used to?"

CLOSING COSTS

Those additional costs that accompany the purchase price of the property. For the seller these costs will include commissions and legal fees. For the buyer, in addition to legal fees, these costs will include property taxes. There are additional, more detailed costs but for general purposes the total closing costs can be considered at approximately 1.5 per cent to 1.75 per cent of the purchase price.

SQUARE FOOTAGE

Ever wonder why 2,500 square feet just doesn't seem as large as it use to? That's because square footage has recently begun to be measured much less precisely than it had in the past. Twenty years ago, square footage took into account actual living space (i.e. not counting the space that walls took up), today square footages often are taken by a simple measurement of the length times the width of the "box." Only above grade, of course, indoor living space is accurately included.

FLIPPING

Most routinely refers to the act of purchasing a brand new development and then selling it off to a second buyer prior to your own closing. While the technicalities of this process deserve an entire article unto themselves, suffice it to say that even in today's correction market investors continue to keep their eyes peeled for that next "blue-chip" real estate flipper investment. However, as a potential flipper, it's important to understand all the expenses and costs associated with this practice. No investment is easy nor guaranteed. With the upcoming release of Tridel's Hullmark Centre, for example, it's important that all investors understand the full details of the project and what the realistic projections, as well as costs, may be.

LEGAL BASEMENT APARTMENTS

Believe it or not, four out of five rented basement apartments in our fair city will not meet fire code standards for an actual dwelling. If you ever read or hear "no guarantee of retrofit status," they're essentially telling you that the legality of the basement apartment is not guaranteed. So what can the repercussions be? Let me put it this way. Brampton, arguably the ring leader when it comes to basement apartments, currently is somewhat safe from serious inquiry into the matter, simply because the number of rental units in the city are at a minimum. In other words, depending on the circumstances within the region, this type of dwelling may or may not be cause for immediate serious concern.

Hopefully this helps to shed some light. As always, I look forward to any questions. Feel free to email me at amitp@rogers.com.

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Part 3 - Do-It-Yourself Projects

Denise Surette

There's nothing better than finishing a Do-It-Yourself project around the house. You can save money, get creative and reap the benefits of your hard work.

This year's Fall Home Show, starting Oct.1, has workshops to help you with any DIY project, whether you're redecorating or finally putting up that shelf.

Janette Ewen, interior stylist and CityLine expert , will be offering up advice during her workshop showing you how to be your own decorator. Ewen will be discussing how to make a plan to create and design your own signature, creative pieces for your home, without a hefty price tag.

"I think the big trend for DIY right now is creating high end custom pieces," says Ewen. "It's not about copying another persons design exactly, it's about using your DIY skills to create one of a kind pieces."

For fall and winter, Ewen recommends switching up your accent pillows, incorporating coloured glass pieces in fall colours, and adding scented candles in warm wintry scents to create a cozy atmosphere.

Ewen says her own décor inspiration is coming from Christian Dior's "New Look," which inspired her to create her own lampshade inspired by one of Dior's dresses. She encourages DIY decorators to use their favourite fashion trends to inspire their home.

Another DIY guru will be offering workshops to help you sort out those renovation DIY projects. Join Mag Ruffman, Canada's favourite Tool Girl to talk power tools, projects and preparation.

Sorting out what tools you need is key to start taking on your own projects. "The three tools homeowners need most are, a sander, a jig saw and a cordless drill," says Ruffman. "There is a lot of variety to choose from."

Ruffman says her workshop is for everyone, and will help you get to the next level, whether you want to put together your Ikea furniture or be your own handyman.

Don't miss Janette Ewen's workshop on Oct. 3 at 12 p.m. and 4:30 p.m., or Mag Ruffman's workshop on Oct. 2 at 3 p.m. and Oct. 3 at 3:30 p.m. Workshops are free but space is limited, reserve your seat at www.fallhomeshow.com

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K-Fed getting fit

Though he plans to chronicle his weight loss on his own reality TV show, overly plump Kevin Federline will be appearing on the next season of VH1's Celebrity Fit Club. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Entertainment

Prinze Charlotte

Freddie Prinze Jr. and Sarah Michelle Gellar welcomed a baby girl, their first child, according to People. Charlotte Grace Prinze was born Saturday in Los Angeles.

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Queen crafts a new Persona

Grunge legends Pearl Jam create more upbeat sound

Queen Latifah

Album: Persona
Label: Flavor Unit
Rating: ●●

IN A PERFECT world, Queen Latifah doing a new hip-hop album would be a welcome return to form. But on her latest effort, the Oscar-nominated CoverGirl seems obligated to keep up her level of mass appeal. On first song The Light, the Queen manages to strike a balance between her pop celebrity and hardcore MC roots with a humble but inspirational track about how she made it. But after a cameo from the reliably goofy Missy Elliot, the mostly Cool & Dre-produced Persona backslides into an album of shmaltzy Jordin Sparks-inspired background music.

Jason Richards/for Metro Canada

Pearl Jam

Album: Backspacer
Label: Moneywrench Records/Universal
Rating: ●●●●

IF SOMEONE SAID 15 years ago that Pearl Jam would one day be a power pop band, they would have been laughed out of the room. But that's exactly what these grunge legends have become. No, they're not the next Fall Out Boy, but these are some of the most upbeat pop tunes the group has ever written. And that's not a bad thing. The tracks are catchy and succinct — the rollicking Supersonic clocks in at under three minutes — but they still maintain that classic PJ feel. It's a real testament to their talent that the band can still be this good nearly two decades after Ten.

Bryan Borzykowski/for Metro Canada

Three Days Grace

Album: Life Starts Now
Label: RCA/Sony
Rating: ●●

THIS ALBUM BY is a microcosm of everything that is wrong with mainstream radio rock. Slick production seems to bleed every bit of life out of songs that had little to begin with. Meaningless guitar solos fail to fill the void left by plodding chord progressions. Adam Gontier's forced and overwrought vocals do little to add believability to the contrived and cliched lyrics. "Living in a shell with no soul," Gontier pines on the power ballad World So Cold. Gontier's own words are an apt description for the kind of lifeless tracks Three Days Grace has released after a lengthy absence from the charts. Sticking to the same tired formula, the Toronto-based band delivers music that fits the play-it-safe needs of rock radio programmers who will undoubtedly flood the airwaves with this album over the next few months.

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GETTY IMAGES

Persona is the seventh album by actress and R&B and hip-hop artist Queen Latifah.

Champion

Album: Resistance
Label: Saboteur/MapleMusic
Rating: ●●●●

DJ CHAMPION IS the stage name of Montreal electro wizard Maxime Morin. His genius lies in the way he weds electronic dance beats with fiery layers of rock guitar and blues-based vocals and lyrics. With the help of a strong supporting cast that includes four backing guitarists and vocals by Pierre-Phillipe Cote and Bonnie Zehavie, the result is surprisingly accessible. The title track with its danceable chorus, seductive hook and coquettish flirtation with the darkside could easily be a pop-rock hit. Morin throws in the seven-minute instrumental Plastiques et Metaux to maintain his underground electro cred. More interesting is the equally lengthy Sannois Beach, on which Champion transposes the Delta-based lyrics of Leroy Carr's 1928 classic How Long Blues onto a throbbing backdrop of rhythm and bass guitars. Resistance is impossible.

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Corb Lund

Album: Losin' Lately Gambler
Label: New West/Universal
Rating: ●●●

MORE SONGS OF horses, hard drink, cattle dung, gamblin' and tall grass from Alberta's favourite cowboy minstrel. Despite his sweet-boy voice, Corb Lund has managed to maintain a successful career outside the Nashville country mainstream, a place usually reserved for songwriters with throats long ago seared by whiskey and Lucky Strikes. Lund's craft is as strong as ever, paying homage to his heroes, Willie P. Bennett and Stompin' Tom Connors and delivering odes to his beloved Canadian prairies. The best tracks here are the lonesome cowboy blues of Alberta Says Hello and A Game In Town Like This. There are times, however, when the songs seem more formulaic than heartfelt. There's no less than two about the healing powers of the country vet (Horse Doctor, Come Quick and Talkin' Veterinarian Blues). Surely one would have been enough.

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MusicReviews

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Mika

Album: The Boy Who Knew
Label: Universal
Rating: ●●●

WHEN MIKA EXPLODED onto the world's music stage in 2007, his Elton John-meets-Freddy Mercury sound got a lot of people excited. Those fans will love his new record — it's filled with the same over-the-top instrumentation and grandiose vocals as his debut. There's no doubt the disc will be jarring for some — the saccharine melodies are sometimes hard to digest — but it's impossible to deny that songs like Blame it On The Girl and the electro disco track Rain aren't fun.

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Gershon tangles with talent agent
Gina Gershon is embroiled in a lawsuit with her former talent agents over allegations she failed to pay them commission for landing her a job on Broadway. FEMALEFIRST.CO.UK

Pandorum thrills Quaid

Movie **feature**

PHIL BROWN
for Metro Canada

Pandorum arrives in theatres tomorrow without much hype, but should pleasantly surprise audiences with its mix of sci-fi mythology and monster movie thrills.

Lead actor Dennis Quaid had the same feeling when he picked up the screenplay many months ago.

"I read the script without thinking much of it and thought it was such an interesting and unique story. I found it really scary and wanted to do it right away," Quaid told Metro. He signed on to star as the captain of a spaceship who wakes up from hypersleep later than expected and discovers that the ship has been taken over by a collection of half-human monsters.

It's all classic science fiction movie material, which was nice for the actor who has always had a soft spot for the genre.

"I grew up in Texas and that's where the space program started when I was a kid. That immediately replaced my desire to be a cowboy," joked Quaid.

Science fiction of course means plenty of special effects work, which can be tough for actors who have to imagine everything that will be animated into the film once the shooting is complete. However, Quaid claims he prefers the new techniques to the way it was done in the old days.

"Special effects movies are so much easier to do now," revealed the actor. "I did Enemy Mine at least 20 years ago and there was always some mechanical effect that wouldn't work. You'd have to do everything over and over. It was really a pain in the a— and it would take hours to get one shot. Now you just stand in front of a green screen and they can create everything around you later. It makes it so much easier from an actor's point of view."

Quaid took a risk signing up for Pandorum, which was directed by the unproven filmmaker Christian Alvart, who had only made two low-budget features in Germany before coming to Hollywood for his big budget debut. But the actor claims that he had no problems working with the fledgling director.

Dennis Quaid stars in Pandorum, which opens tomorrow.

"Alvart's a really great storyteller," said Quaid. "He's a 34-year-old wunderkind, but he performs like he's been doing this for 40 years. He storyboarded the entire movie himself and really elevated the script. He created an entire mythology, which was fascinating. He's even come up with a prequel and a sequel if this connects with audiences."

"I read the script without thinking much of it and thought it was such an interesting and unique story. I found it really scary and wanted to do it right away." Dennis Quaid

Dennis Quaid will have to wait and see how Pandorum does at the box office before he knows if he'll be back for the sequel. But that's fine with the actor who enjoys dabbling in as many types of films as possible.

"I like doing all different kinds of movies, that keeps it interesting. Going from GI Joe to Smart People and then from Pandorum to playing Bill Clinton. I'm just grateful to still be here and I'm happy to try out different things. I'm actually having more fun now as an actor than I did in my 20s."

Francis to plead guilty in tax case

PEOPLE Joe Francis has agreed to plead guilty to filing false tax returns and will avoid further jail time in a tax case that spanned two states and several years, court filings show.

Records filed in Los Angeles show the Girls Gone Wild founder will plead guilty to two counts of filing false tax returns and one count of bribing Nevada jail workers in exchange for food.

The plea agreement states Francis will pay $250,000 US in restitution and receive credit for jail time served. Francis was indicted by a federal grand jury on tax evasion charges in 2007 and has spent 301 days in jail. He will receive a year of supervised release.

The amount Francis is agreeing he underreported, nearly $563,000, is less than the more than $20 million in fraudulent deductions prosecutors alleged. The deductions were for a home where he entertained celebrities, a Porsche, and other items.

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The final countdown

Ricky, Julian and Bubbles ready for more big screen laughs

IAN GORMELY
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Sitting side by side in a hotel room in downtown Toronto, Robb Wells, John-Paul Tremblay and Mike Smith look exhausted. The trio, dressed in character as Ricky, Julian and Bubbles, are in town to promote their new film Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day. Their press day started with a 7:30 a.m. television appearance.

"We don't work well at those hours of the day," says Tremblay.

"Everytime we come to Toronto it's a disaster," adds Wells, between sips of what appears to be a rum and coke. "We always go home needing two days to recover."

It's been three years since the first Trailer Park Boys film thrust the trio into the mainstream spotlight. But as it turns out, the cast weren't entirely happy with that movie, which was backed by Hollywood heavyweight producer Ivan Reitman. They say this new instalment takes the characters back to their roots.

"It wasn't true to what we did on the TV Show," says Smith.

"They tried to make it more mainstream," adds Wells.

Trailer Park Boys: Countdown to Liquor Day is the second movie based on the hit TV show.

"It was just a different undertaking," explains Jonathan Torrance, who plays white rapper J-Roc. "It was shot on film. It looked like a film. Whereas the show, one of the characters in the show was the texture of it — it's cheapness, it's a celebration of video."

Director Mike Clattenburg is mum on his feelings about the last film. But he says he enjoyed the switch back from 16mm film to handicams. "There was a disconnect, to try and really work and direct the actors because I was so far away. This time, "I was able to operate the camera very close to the actors."

Movie **feature**

In a nod to the show's rather absurdist roots, the film's title — Countdown to Liquor Day — has little to do with the movie's plot. "In one of the early drafts (Lahey) was literally counting down the days 'til (Ricky, Julian and Bubbles) got out of jail so he could start drinking again," says Clattenburg. "I don't know what it means but it sounds good."

"Anybody that's a Trailer Park Boys fan will definitely like this movie," says Smith. "So get the f— out there and go see it."

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A dozen past and present series stars gathered to mark the start of its 20th year yesterday. It ties Gunsmoke as longest running drama. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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John Travolta and his wife, Kelly Preston, leave court yesterday in Nassau, Bahamas. Travolta said yesterday he tried desperately to save the life of his seizure-prone son as he testified in the trial of two people accused of trying to blackmail him.

Travolta tried to save son

John Travolta said yesterday he tried desperately to save the life of his seizure-prone son and made perhaps his first public reference to the boy as autistic as he testified in the trial of two people accused of trying to blackmail him.

With his wife, Kelly Preston, looking on inside the Nassau courtroom, Travolta said he performed CPR on his son after a nanny told him the teen had fallen ill at a family vacation home on Grand Bahama island. Jett Travolta later died from a seizure.

"I ran downstairs with my wife to help my son," Travolta said.

Travolta is the star witness at the trial of two people — paramedic Tarino Lightbourne and former Bahamian Senator Pleasant Bridgewater — who are accused of trying to extort $25 million from the movie star.

Both defendants pleaded innocent to extortion charges at the trial that began Monday .

Travolta also said — apparently for the first time in public — 16-year-old Jett was autistic, confirming speculation that had swirled for years. The developmental disorder is frequently accompanied by seizures.

The judge dismissed Travolta yesterday, but said he would be called back later for further testimony.

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Entertainment in brief

DANCING Chuck (The Iceman) Liddell of Toronto is dancing another day. The former UFC light-heavyweight champion and partner Anna Trebunskaya were given a pass to the next round of Dancing With The Stars, escaping the first double elimination of Season 9 last night. The two drew cheers from the crowd but middling marks from the judges Monday. Ashley Hamilton, son of actor George Hamilton, was the first to go last night, with NFL Hall of Famer Michael Irvin just escaping the chop. Also eliminated was singer Macy Gray, along with partner Jonathan Roberts. Former model Kathy Ireland narrowly avoided elimination.

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Maintaining my weight

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Facts about Biofirm!

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No money left for digital transition: CBC prez

The CBC is warning it has no money to pay for the conversion of its transmission towers to digital signals. That could leave more than a million CBC viewers without the channel in less than two years. All television broadcasters must switch from the analog signal to digital by Aug. 2011. THE CANADIAN PRESS

In brief

CONTEST Paul Lowey, a 30 year-old aspiring filmmaker from Vancouver, is US$50,000 richer after winning the Tiger Woods PGA TOUR 10 Viral Video Challenge. Taking his cue from EA Sports' slogan "It's in the game," Lowey literally put a friend in the golf video game. Using a green screen, Lowey filmed his "In The Game" video at a local park. The end result shows the real-life fan in the game, pleading with the virtual Woods to let him take a shot. The fan grows more frustrated as Woods ignores his pleas.

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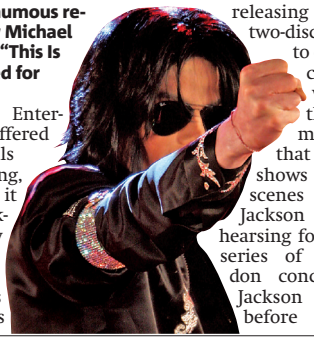
MJ's bros back up new single

Tight-lipped execs give few details for October release

The first posthumous release of a new Michael Jackson song, "This Is It," is scheduled for Oct. 12.



Sony Music Entertainment offered few details about the song, except to say it includes backing vocals by Jackson's brothers.

Two weeks later, Sony is releasing a two-disc set to coincide with the movie that shows scenes of Jackson rehearsing for his series of London concerts. Jackson died before publicly stepping back on stage.

The album includes some of Jackson's greatest hits as they appeared on previous albums. The second disc features previously unreleased versions of Jackson songs and a spoken-word poem from Jackson called "Planet Earth."

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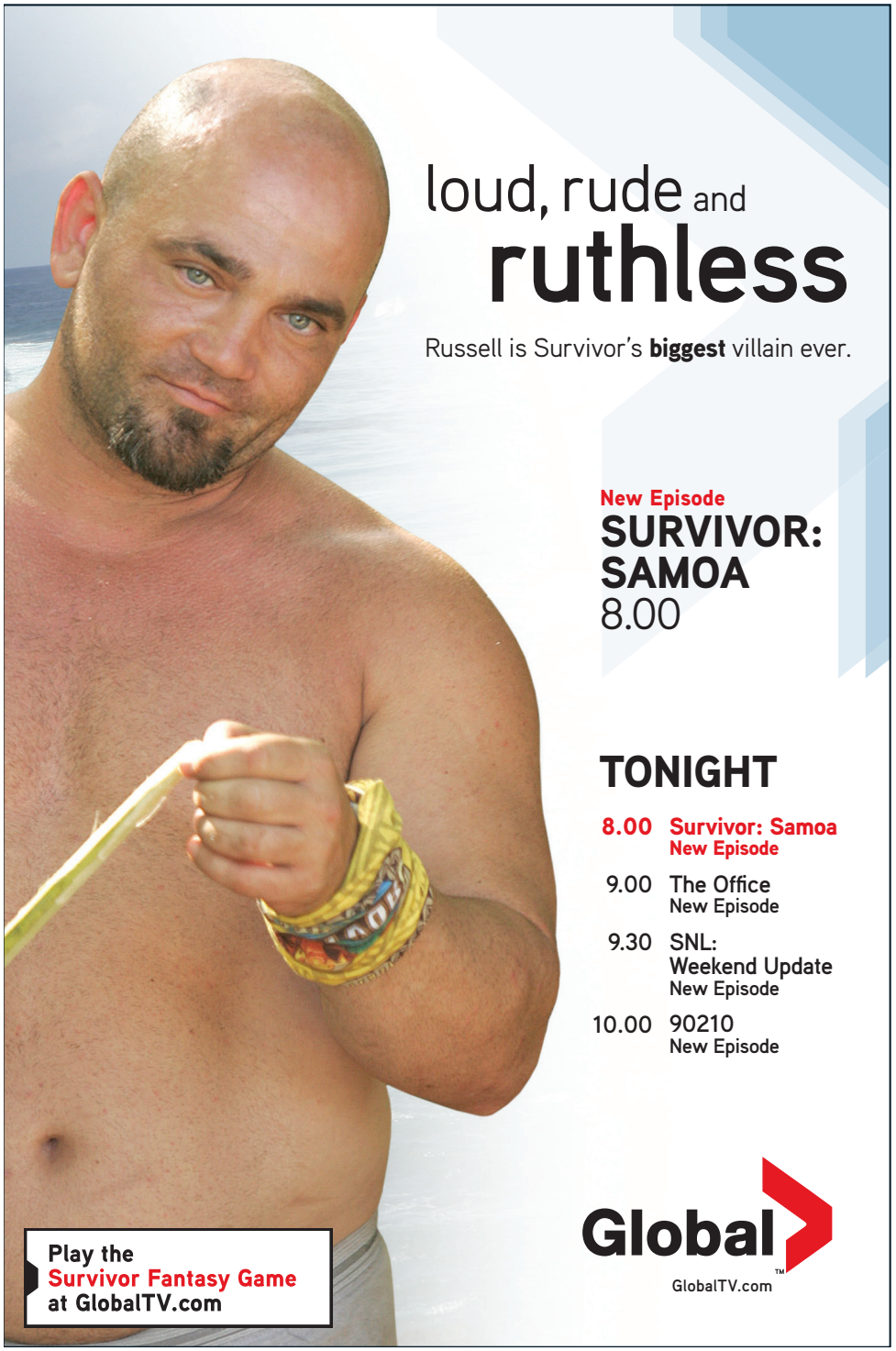


Mix of Six

Metro taps into today's best entertainment and event picks

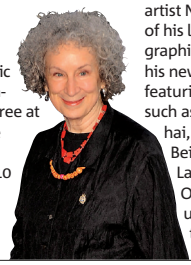
FOOD AND ART In 1973, Toni and Rita Harting embarked on a three-week exploration of France's fabled foods. From that journey comes Thirty in Twenty, a food and photography exhibition. As part of the festivities, chefs present menus taken from the restaurants the Hartings dined at. Chef Donna Dooher (of Mildred's Temple Kitchen) will prepare food from the menu of Paul Bocuse in Collonges-au-Mont-d'Or, while Jamie Drummond (of JK Wine Bar) will preside as sommelier. The Department Gallery, 1389 Dundas St. W., 7 p.m. $63, thedepartment.ca.

READING Margaret Atwood gives a dramatic reading from her new novel The Year Of The Flood. St. James Cathedral, 65 Church St. 7:30 pm. $10. 416-973-4000.

MUSIC Hipster favourites Kids on TV celebrates the release of two EPs and a music video with Diamond Rings. Free at The Gladstone Hotel, 1214 Queen St. W. 10 p.m.

OPERA The University of Toronto's Hart House stages Jerry Springer: The Opera — yes, you read right, Jerry Springer. From men in diapers, tap dancing Ku Klux Klan members, to Jesus, and Adam and Eve, the show will leave you chanting "JERRY, JERRY, JERRY!" Hart House Theatre, 7 Hart House Circle. Premiere tonight at 8 p.m. through to Oct. 10. Adults $25, students and seniors $15, Wednesdays $10 student nights. harthousetheatre.ca or 416-978-8849.

HOLIDAY AT HOME Pretend you're on vacation in Cuba at the Havana Cultura festival, which starts tonight and runs until Sunday. The weekend features free concerts, book readings, cigar rolling clinics and drink and food specials. At Queen & Ossington, havana-cultura.com/canada.



GALLERY Montreal-born artist Nicolas Ruel shows 25 of his large-scale photographic cityscapes as part of his new series, 8 Secondes, featuring images from cities such as Paris, Tokyo, Shanghai, Sydney, New York and Beijing. Thompson Landry Gallery, 55 Mill St. Opens tonight and runs until Oct. 18. thompsonlandry.com.

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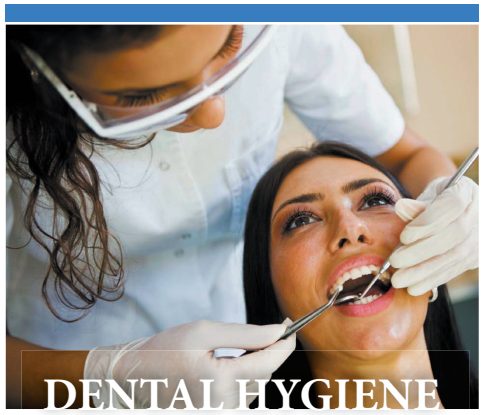

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I looove meat. So going to a vegetarian/vegan/raw restaurant isn't a part of my routine.

However, I'm open to it and luckily Live is unintimidating.

Vibrant tangerine metal chairs and tables and green apple walls add a playground feel, as does the plastic wall of sprouts and 2-D grass-tiled floor. The casual feel extends to the dinnerware (plastic) and the crowd (healthy khakied folk). The menu, however, is extensive, with legends (gf-gluten free, nf-nut free) and definitions of terms (arame, sprouting, etc.). You can choose between raw or cooked options, vegan and vegetarian with everything from starters to desserts.

On the web

- Get recipes and more great food content at metronews.ca/food

To start, the cooked Avocado Tempura ($6.50), battered in crispy millet flour is a silky wonder with fiery hot kimchi and a sweet lemon ginger reduction.

Under the mains, the Tempeh "Crab Cakes" ($14) urges, "You will not believe they are not real."

No way are you fooling me with this big cake (singular), though it's undeniably hearty and satisfying. Served over sautéed beets and greens, perfectly cooked seasoned brown rice, a lively sweet potato puree, and drizzled with a chipotle aioli, these folks have transformed tempeh to something utterly divine.

STEPHANIE DICKISON/FOR METRO TORONTO
Tempeh "Crab Cakes" ($14)

Meat/crab it is not. But it's not a bad substitute.

Global Peasant blog online

- Travel along with Diane Thompson's culinary adventures in her Global Peasant blog.
- Check out metronews.ca/globalpeasant for a recipe on Girlie Hummus, with arugula and nasturtium blossoms

Dining out

HARVEST FLAVOURS
Through Oct. 19, celebrate harvest flavours and local ingredients with a two or three-course prix fixe menu ($19.99 for 2, extra $4.99 for 3) during Il Fornello's "Autumnlicious" event. Go to autumnlicious.com for details.

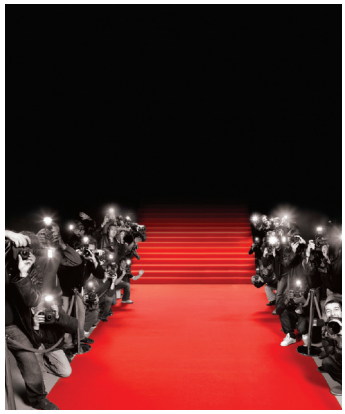
BACK IN SESSION
The Chef's House (215 King Street St. E.) has returned from summer vacation and is open for lunch (11:30 a.m.- 1:30 p.m.) and dinner (6 p.m.- 8:30 p.m.).

This George Brown College restaurant serves as a "real-time learning experience" for its culinary students. Call 416-415-2260 for reservations. thechefshouse.com

In brief

LESSONS Every Thursday after 10 p.m., bring your own oyster knife to Ceili Cottage (1301 Queen St. E.) and learn to shuck or brush up on your already honed talent. ceilicottagecom for details.

ONTARIO WINES Until Oct. 10, visit any of the 608 LCBO stores across Ontario and take part in goLOCAL, an annual promotion of Ontario-produced wines.



A girl for Pompeo
It's a girl for Ellen Pompeo. The Grey's Anatomy star, 39, welcomed a daughter, Stella Luna Pompeo Ivery, on Sept. 15 in Los Angeles, her rep confirmed. PEOPLE.COM

More charges for Howard K. Stern

LEGAL Prosecutors have brought more charges against the lawyer-boyfriend of Anna Nicole Smith.

The district attorney's office filed an amended complaint Wednesday in Los Angeles against Howard K. Stern, who is billed as an aider and abettor of two doctors charged with prescribing drugs that killed the former Playboy model in 2007.

The physicians and Stern pleaded not guilty in May to conspiring to illegally provide her with controlled substances.

The new charges against Stern include accusations he helped obtain prescriptions for opiates by using a false name. The doctors already face those charges.

Search warrant affidavits suggest Stern put his name on the prescriptions for drugs. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Mackenzie Phillips' book alleges sexual relationship with dad

Former child star Mackenzie Phillips said Wednesday her father, John Phillips, who was a leader of the 1960s pop group the Mamas and the Papas, raped her when she was a teenager and that her sexual relationship with him later became what she termed "consensual."

Mackenzie Phillips writes in her new book, High on Arrival, that she had sex with her father on the night before she was to get married in 1979 at age 19, according to People magazine.

Phillips wrote in her book: "I woke up that night from a blackout to find myself having sex with my own father."

She told The Oprah Winfrey Show in an interview that aired Wednesday that her siblings "definitely have a problem with this." Winfrey also read a statement from Genevieve Waite, John Phillips' wife at the time of the alleged abuse and Mackenzie's stepmother that said he was "incapable, no matter how drunk or drugged he was, of having such a relationship with his own child."

Phillips, who starred on TV's One Day at a Time, said the sexual relationship with her father lasted a decade and ended when she became pregnant and didn't know who had fathered the child. She had an abortion, which her father paid for, "and I never let him touch me again."

Phillips told Winfrey that she first tried cocaine when she was 11 years old. Her father did drugs with her, taught her to roll joints and injected her with cocaine. Phillips said she's been clean for a year after pleading guilty to possessing cocaine and entering a drug treatment program.

Phillips said the sexual relationship, although she believes it became consensual, was "an abuse of power" and "a betrayal" on her father's part. She said she forgave John Phillips on his deathbed.

"I can't be the only one this has happened to," Phillips said. "Someone needs to put a face on consensual incest."

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Mackenzie Phillips, of the 1970's sitcom One Day at a Time, says she had a long-term sexual relationship with her father, John Phillips, a member of the '60s Mamas and the Papas band.

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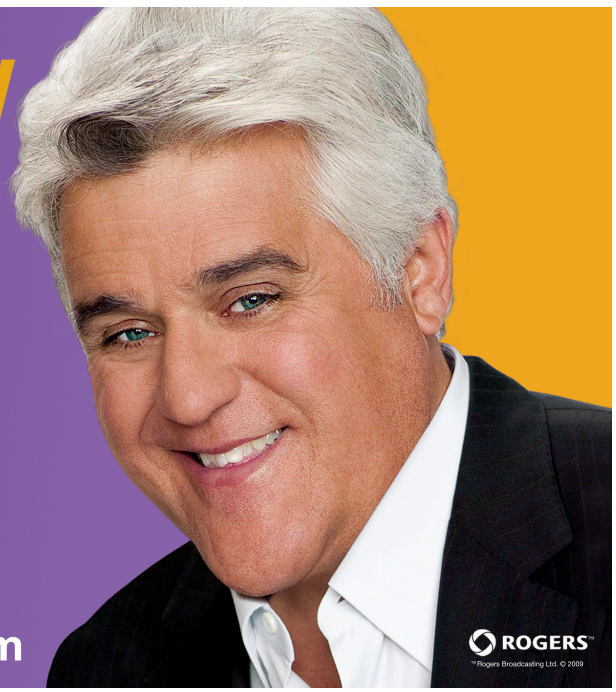

Ebay Emmy
Estelle Getty's prized 1988 Emmy has surfaced on Ebay a year after her death. The trophy for Outstanding Supporting Actress in a Comedy Series for The Golden Girls was put up for sale by a seller specializing in fine art. **POPEATER.COM**

Art isn't imitating life: Duchovny

Sex storylines in TV show, reality are an 'unfortunate coincidence'

Hank Moody, the hero of Showtime's comedy Californication, is a roguish struggling novelist who says whatever is on his mind and feels a tug from every member of the opposite sex.

He might get into less trouble if he kept his lip buttoned and his fly zipped. But that wouldn't be Hank, nor would it be Californication, which mines laughs (and, occasionally, gasps) from Hank's erotic misadventures, and those of his sexed-up fellow travellers.

Starring David Duchovny, Californication begins its third season this Monday on Movie Central and The Movie Network with Hank landing a much-needed teaching job at a local college. This is thanks to a professor who is the sexy mother of a friend of Hank's teenage daughter Becca (Madeleine Martin).

Here in academia, Hank is primed to seduce his new colleague (whose husband, the dean of the college, is his boss), while a graduate assistant and a sassy coed are also on Hank's radar.

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David Duchovny

"(The) two have nothing to do with one another — my personal life and the show. No more than aliens had anything to do with my time on the X Files."
David Duchovny

"I call it adult comedy," says Duchovny, "but not in the Triple-X sense. It's adult comedy because the characters are acting foolish but not acting like children."

The 49-year-old actor is meeting a reporter at a luncheonette on the Upper East Side, where he lives with actress Tea Leoni, his wife of a dozen years, and their two children.

In mid-sentence, he spies a hand-lettered sign above the vintage soda fountain. "They have banana splits!" he says. "I got to tell the kids about that."

These days, Duchovny's family is together and stronger than ever, he's happy to report. "Things are great," he sums up, sharing details from a cross-country RV trip they made this summer. Highlights: Grand Canyon, a ball game in St. Louis and a visit with an Amish family in Ohio.

But a year ago, things weren't so bright. In August 2008, Duchovny announced he was entering rehab for sex addiction. Meanwhile, his marriage was in jeopardy.

Making things worse, this news, undermined Duchovny's accomplishments on Californication. It suggested that his role as Hank hit too close to home, that he wasn't play-acting so much as just playing himself.

With no sign of defensiveness, Duchovny makes clear he regards the challenges he faced last year as a private matter. But he's candid in acknowledging "an unfortunate coincidence," at least appearance-wise, between his life and his art.

"Any subject matter like that, by its very nature, is going to get trivialized," he says. "When you've got a hammer, everything looks like a nail. That's how it looks to people who are discussing it. But the two have nothing to do with one another — my personal life and the show. No more than aliens had anything to do with my time on The X-Files."

Any public confusion that arose between Hank's exploits and the issues for which Duchovny sought help "hurts on both levels," he says. "It belittles the life and it belittles the work, at the same time.

"As a father and a husband, I would have preferred not to have exposed (my family) to any of that kind of thing. To me, that's what's most regrettable."

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Accused in Jewel stalking case needs help, says sister

INCIDENT The sister of a Wisconsin man accused of stalking singer-songwriter Jewel at her Texas ranch says her brother is in need of help but hasn't responded to the family's attempts to contact him.

Susan Richter said yesterday that her brother, Michael Lawrence Kozelka, had a hard time holding a job and recently lost his house to foreclosure.

Richter says Kozelka hasn't had any contact with the family for nearly two years, but she apologized to Jewel and her husband on his behalf.

Erath County sheriff's officials say Kozelka was arrested last week after he went to the Stephenville, Texas, ranch owned by Jewel's husband, rodeo champion Ty Murray, on two consecutive days. Sheriff Tommy Bryant says the 50-year-old Townsend man told authorities he was on a mission from God.

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Kiss, LL Cool J on hall of fame shortlist

MUSIC Kiss, LL Cool J and the Red Hot Chili Peppers could be among next years's inductees at the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame.

They're on a list of 12 acts vying for the five spots in the class of 2010. Other first-time nominees include Genesis, Jimmy Cliff, The Hollies and songwriter Laura Nyro. Some names have been on the ballot before: Donna Summer, Darlene Love, ABBA, the Chantels, and the Stooges. Inductees will be announced in December.

Hamilton to skate on TV in wake of illness

TELEVISION Scott Hamilton will skate on TV for the first time since battling a brain tumour, joining fellow Olympian and cancer survivor Dorothy Hamill for a special intended to inspire viewers to triumph over illness. Kaleidoscope airs Nov. 26 on Fox. **THE ASSOCIATED PRESS**

Kenya's**Style**

Kenya Hunt

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526	507	249	VIVA	Judging Amy		Missing "Truth or Dare"		The Closer		Da Vinci's Inquest		Psychic Inv.
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critics'corner

Grey's Anatomy
Apart from the title — "Good Mourning; Goodbye" — little confirmed information has been released for this two-hour, sixth-season premiere episode, although Izzie (Emmy winner Katherine Heigl), who underwent risky surgery at the end of last season, is back, as are the other mainstays apart from George (T.R. Knight) — dead, you know. Jessica Capshaw is promoted to series regular as Arizona, Callie's (Sara Ramirez) romantic interest. 9 PM on CTV, 9 PM on ABC

The Office
While Pam (Jenna Fischer) works on the guest list for the wedding, Jim (John Krasinski) makes a request that leaves Michael (Steve Carell) feeling defensive and insecure. On a wackier note, Dwight (Rainn Wilson) convinces Toby (Paul Lieberstein) to go under cover with him to investigate a workers' comp claim from Darryl (Craig Robinson). Ed Helms also stars in the new episode "The Meeting." 9 PM on NBC

Brady mum on alleged shooting

NFL quarterback Tom Brady isn't commenting on a lawsuit against him and his wife, Gisele Bundchen. Two photographers sued them for $1 million on Tuesday, saying they were shot at during a post-wedding party in Costa Rica in April. Asked about it, he had no comment. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

'Beauty Czar' aims for 3rd Miss Universe title

Osmel Sousa can look at the world's most beautiful woman and see a flaw in her nose.

With that kind of perfectionism, he has become the mastermind behind six Miss Universe winners — including the last two. His intensive training on how to walk, talk and smile, not to mention his eye for the right nip-tuck, are the keys to his success.

After making his country the first to win two in a row, Sousa is aiming for a Miss Universe three-peat next year with the new Miss Venezuela to be crowned Thursday.

The so-called "beauty czar" likens his contestants to precious gems: He can tell when one shimmers from the start, and his job is to polish. Some former pupils liken the balding 63-year-old's penetrating gaze to X-ray vision.

"I've always been a severe critic," Sousa told The Associated Press last week at a news conference ahead of the pageant, where the 18-year-old Fernandez will hand off the crown.

The rigorous training he demands is what has given Venezuelan beauty queens the edge. During daily sessions lasting 10 hours or more, he and his team of specialists instruct the women on public speaking, posture, makeup and other details — including how to recover gracefully after a fall.

"Those who don't dedicate themselves to it wholeheartedly don't amount to anything," he said. "Those who fully dedicate themselves are the ones who win." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Osmel Sousa, president of the Miss Venezuela pageant, is the mastermind behind six Miss Universe winners, including the last two.

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This Angel hasn't departed for the heavens yet
Jaclyn Smith wants you to know that she is alive. The Charlie's Angels star took to her Facebook and Twitter to deny reports that she had shot herself in Honduras, People reports. METRO NEWS SERVICES

Celebrity Buzz

Hayden attends School of Life

SHE DON'T NEED NO BOOK LEARNIN' Hayden Panettiere has ruled out a college education — insisting she's had her own "learning experience" growing up in Hollywood, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The 20-year-old, who plays a college student in the sci-fi TV series Heroes, developed a desire to attend university when she was younger but admits landing the hit show helped change her mind.

Now Panettiere insists pretending to be a student is enough, because she's grown up quickly in Hollywood.

She says, "I always wanted to go to college (but) the show happened to start in a pretty pivotal period, when you have thoughts of going to college. It was just such a success and it is what I love to do.

"I would love to take some classes that I really enjoy, but I think college is a learning experience for yourself as a person and (it's about) being on your own for the first time."

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Amy comes to goddaughter's aid

THE BULLY'S BULLY Amy Winehouse screamed and spat at a young teenager she believed was bullying her goddaughter, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The singer reportedly stormed to London's Southgate school on Monday to confront a pupil who had been tormenting 13-year-old Dionne Bromfield.

A source said: "The altercation outside of the North London secondary school quickly turned sour when Amy began hurling abuse at the young accused bully and began spitting at her."

Celebrity gossip blog I'm Not Obsessed added: "Amy's tirade did not stop there, as witnesses say that the 26-year-old then went on to shout at a group of Dionne's fellow students."

A passer-by who managed to calm Winehouse down eventually stopped the altercation. The singer then agreed to sign autographs before leaving the school.

Winehouse is preparing to release Bromfield's debut album on her own label Lioness Records.

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Mischa's not in Kansas anymore...

DON'T JUDGE A BOOK BY ITS COVER A confused Mischa Barton headed out to the opera in New York recently but ended up at the nearby premiere for Michael Moore's documentary Capitalism: a Love Story instead.

"Mischa showed up and was asking for tickets. She started walking the red carpet," a source told Page Six. "She took one look around and realized she was in the wrong place."

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GETTY IMAGES

Parkers plan second vows

LOST IN LA-LA-LAND Eva Longoria Parker wants to marry husband Tony Parker again because her memory of their wedding is so hazy, femalefirst.co.uk reports.

The actress walked down the aisle with the basketball player in July 2007, but because her memory of their nuptials in France is so surreal, she wants to renew their vows in a smaller ceremony.

She says, "We want to get married again. Our wedding went by so fast and, with the frenzy surrounding it, it felt like an out-of-body experience.

"We want to do it again — something a bit more intimate — because we love being married," she said. "It gets better every day. I know it's clichéd but it's true."

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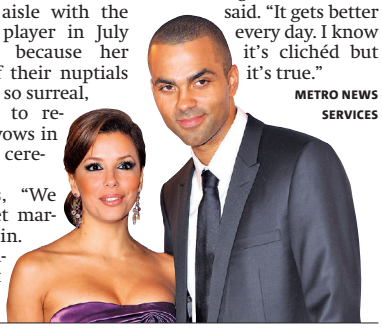

Woody's secret skin weapon

REASONS TO GO VEGAN Woody Harrelson is a proud vegan, but it turns out his reasons for taking up the lifestyle weren't purely based on principle.

"I was about 24 years old, and I had tons of acne," he told Maxim magazine. "I met some random girl on a bus who told me to quit dairy and all those symptoms would go away three days later. By God, she was right."

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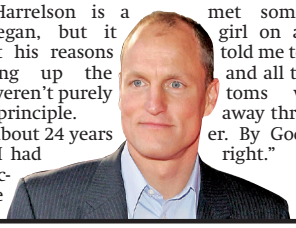

Penelope pregnant?

ADDING FUEL TO THE FIRE Penelope Cruz was spotted leaving an OB/GYN office in Madrid with boyfriend Javier Bardem on her arm, further fuelling speculation that she's expecting a child, according to Hollyscoop.

The actress has repeatedly denied the rumours, going so far as to storm out of an interview last week when the topic came up.

"I start getting some presents from friends saying, 'Congratulations, you're pregnant,'" Cruz told USA Today last month. "And I say, 'No, I'm not, so return the presents.' It's amazing."

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Tyra a secret nudist?

AT PEACE WITH HERSELF Model and talk show host Tyra Banks loves being naked.

"I always feel great when I don't have clothes on," Banks told Larry King. "Unless the lighting is bad in the dressing room."

Banks also insists that while she has enjoyed her talk-show success, she is not trying to be Oprah Winfrey. "If I tried, I would fail," she said.

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Celebrity tweets

Rob Thomas has trouble with the weather in his home state, Taylor Swift feels just fine about her fashion choices, Jon Favreau celebrates Rosh Hashanah, and Demi Lovato would rather not be awake.

• @ThisIsRobThomas i forgot how oppressively hot florida can get. the humidity goes through your clothes and into your soul.

• @taylorswift13 I'm wearing argyle socks. It's going really well, I think I'll do it again sometime.

• @Jon_Favreau Happy New Year! Let's make 5770 count!

• @ddlovato It's raining, it's pouring, I wish I was snoring.....

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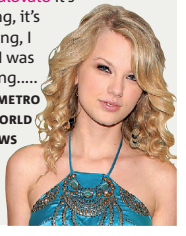

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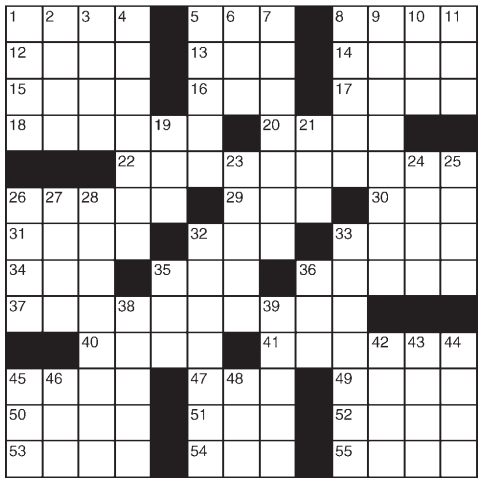

Sudoku

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HOW TO PLAY: Digits 1 through 9 will appear once in each zone — one zone is an outlined 3x3 grid within the larger puzzle grid. There are nine zones in the puzzle. Do not enter a digit into a box if it already appears elsewhere in the same zone, row across or column down the entire puzzle.

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ACROSS

1 Ballot dangler
5 Annoy
8 Puerto —
12 Jeans maker Strauss
13 French pronoun
14 Low pH
15 Cupid's alias
16 Favourite
17 Conked out
18 Melted-cheese dish
20 Talon
22 Chic, and then some
26 Assume for argument's sake
29 Layer
30 Slight amount
31 Author Turgenev
32 Bit of wordplay
33 Lascivious
34 Mai —
35 Branch
36 Briskly self-assured
37 "My fondest wishes"
40 Pulsate
41 Ceremony
45 Reed instrument
47 Menagerie
49 Capri, e.g.
50 Bank transaction
51 Conclusion
52 Trawler gear
53 They get connected
54 Shelter
55 Mardi —

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1 Staff leader
2 Medal earner
3 Shakespeare's river
4 Scorn
5 Urge onward
6 Shad product
7 Setting for Rachael Ray
8 Speeder spotter
9 It flows through the veins of the emotionless
10 Spy-novel org.
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28 Regatta entry
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Metro Recipe of the Day

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Rosemary Oven Roasted Potato Chips

Submitted by Irene Leung, Port Dover, Ont.

INGREDIENTS:

2 medium sized potatoes
2 tbsp olive oil
1 tsp coarse salt
2 tbsp fresh rosemary leaves, roughly chopped
Pepper to taste

METHOD:

1. Wash potatoes and chop the rosemary.
2. Slice the potatoes into thin rounds using a mandolin (if one isn't available, use a vegetable peeler).
3. In a large bowl, mix the oil, rosemary leaves, salt and pepper and toss the potato slices until coated.
4. On 2 baking sheets lined with aluminum foil for easy clean up, spread the potatoes in one layer and bake in a preheated oven at 350 F for about 5 minutes.
6. Flip the potatoes onto the other side, switch the position of the baking sheets on the oven shelves and bake for another 5 minutes.
5. Check to see if the potatoes have browned on both sides. Then repeat the turning-potatoes-and-alternating-the-sheets step, and bake for another 5 minutes or so until potatoes are golden brown and somewhat crispy on the outside.
6. Serve as a snack, or on the side with a hamburger or another main meat dish.

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MARCH 21-APRIL 20
Everyday chores may be a pain but Mars will come to your rescue today. Whatever challenges you're called on to face, you will handle them all with ease.

TAURUS ♉
APRIL 21-MAY 21
Creatively and romantically this is one of the best times of the year, but it could be better still if you stopped thinking of everyone as a potential rival.

GEMINI ♊
MAY 22-JUNE 21
Life is always fun for those born under the sign of the twins, and even more so now. So don't waste time worrying; your only duty is to be happy.

CANCER ♋
JUNE 22-JULY 22
Both at home and at work you are more likely to learn things to your advantage if you use your mouth less and your ears more.

LEO ♌
JULY 23-AUG 23
Your taste for luxury is legendary, but you will cut back on the good life today as you look around for ways to boost your income.

VIRGO ♍
AUG 24-SEPT 22
Looking back a few weeks from now you'll be astonished how much time you wasted on trivial things. Get your act together, and start moving forward.

LIBRA ♎
SEPT 23-OCT 23
No matter what mishaps and misunderstandings there may be in other areas of your life, relationships are going rather well at the moment.

SCORPIO ♏
OCT 24-NOV 22
You don't have to be a saint but you do have to realize that no matter what your problems may be most people would happily trade places with you.

SAGITTARIUS ♐
NOV 23-DEC 21
The sun in the friendship area of your chart makes it easier to reach goals that depend on others. Being a team player will bring many benefits.

CAPRICORN ♑
DEC 22-JAN 20
Be pleasant to people today. The more you smile and act in a non-threatening manner the more likely it is that important people will look on you kindly.

AQUARIUS ♒
JAN 21-FEB 18
You will make quick work of whatever challenges crop up today — then you can turn your attention to more enjoyable things.

PISCES ♓
FEB 19-MARCH 20
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